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(TS/ [REDACTED] /NF) In April 2003, CIA detainees Abu Hazim and Abd al-Karim each broke a fast while trying to escape capture and were placed in casts.¹⁵⁷ CIA cables requesting the use of the CIA's enhanced interrogation techniques on the two detainees stated that the interrogators would "forego cramped confinement, stress positions, walling, and vertical shackling (due to [the detainees'] injuries)."¹⁵⁸ Notwithstanding medical concerns related to the injuries, both of these detainees were subjected to one or more of these CIA enhanced interrogation techniques prior to obtaining CIA Headquarters approval.

At least five CIA detainees were subjected to "rectal rehydration" or rectal feeding without documented medical necessity.¹⁵⁹ The CIA placed detainees in ice water "baths." The CIA led several detainees to believe they would never be allowed to leave CIA custody alive, suggesting to one detainee that he would only leave in a coffin-shaped box.¹⁶⁰ One interrogator told another detainee that he would never go to court, because "we can never let the world know what I have done to you."¹⁶¹ CIA officers also threatened at least three detainees with harm to their families—to include threats to harm the children of a detainee, threats to sexually abuse the mother of a detainee, and a threat to "cut [a detainee's] mother's throat."¹⁶²

INTERROGATION REPORT

'I didn't lie'

Former CIA director Hayden denies misleading Congress on interrogations

From staff and wire reports

WASHINGTON — The head of the CIA during President George W. Bush's second term insisted Wednesday he never lied to Congress, as U.S. embassies braced for anti-American protests or attacks following release of a Senate Intelligence Committee report on brutal in-

terrogations of terrorism-era detainees.

Top U.N. human rights officials said senior American figures and CIA agents who authorized and carried out brutal techniques such as waterboarding must be prosecuted.

The U.N. high commissioner for human rights, Zeid Raad al-Husseini, said it was "crystal clear" that the United States was obligated under international law to hold accountable those responsible for such interrogations.

Senate investigators concluded in a report released Tuesday that the United States br-

talized scores of terrorism suspects with interrogation tactics that turned secret CIA prisons into chambers of suffering and did nothing to make America safer after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The report also accused the CIA of misleading the Bush administration and Congress about what it was doing with its "black site" captives and deceiving Americans about the effectiveness of its techniques.

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(TS/ [REDACTED] /NF) On July 24, 2002, the attorney general verbally approved the use of 10 interrogation techniques, which included: the attention grasp, walling, the facial hold, the facial slap (insult slap), cramped confinement, wall standing, stress positions, sleep deprivation, use of diapers, and use of insects.¹⁶³ The interrogation team, however, indicated that they intended to wait for the approval to use the waterboard before proceeding with their interrogation of Abu Zubaydah. On July 26, 2002, the attorney general verbally approved the



In 2006, President George W. Bush named then-Air Force Gen. Michael Hayden as the next CIA director. AP photo

At CIA's 'Salt Pit' prison, torture reigned

By RICHARD A. SERRANO
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The first detainee interrogated in the old abandoned brick factory north of Kabul, Afghanistan, became the model for what would later unfold in the cave-like halls of a CIA interrogation facility known as the "Salt Pit."

Ridha Najjar, a suspected former bodyguard for Osama bin Laden, often was left alone in the shadows, under a barrage of shrieking music, cold, shackled

and hooded, his dark figure handcuffed to an overhead bar for 22 hours a day, according to a report released Tuesday by the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Later, another detainee, Gul Rahman, believed to have served in a security detail for an Afghan warlord, would die in the Salt Pit.

He was dragged through the dirt and grime of the corridors, his mouth taped, his clothes falling off. His captors slammed and punched him and left him chained to a concrete floor in a sweatshirt but no pants. Officials labeled the death hyperthermia, though his face, legs, shoulders and waist were cut and bruised.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We've got to train for the most difficult thing there is to do, which is really decisive action: major high-end conflict, tanks, Bradleys, all that stuff."

— outgoing Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III

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MILITARY

No shrinking violets at STEM event

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany — If Europe were hit by an Ebola outbreak, government leaders might want to consider a select group of American teenagers enrolled at U.S. military schools overseas as information ambassadors.

By the end of this week, 108 students from Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe should be "experts" in how to deal with the virus — knowledgeable about the disease's gruesome symptoms and how to contain it — should it reach some of the locations where the teens attend school.

The school system's fourth STEMposium laid out a complex, real-world problem for students to solve using science, technology, engineering and math: the four fields comprise the current push in American education to turn out more scientists and engineers and improve scholastic math and science aptitude scores.

The Ebola scenario presented to the DODDS students this week spared no details. It was the brainchild of STEMposium lead organizer Frank Pendzich, an engineering teacher at Wiesbaden High School.

It went something like this: On Nov. 26, an immigrant from Sierra Leone was found dead in his apartment, lying "in a pool of dried vomit," among other bodily fluids. A burglar who ransacked the place was still on the loose, and presumed infected.

The victim and an ill consultant worked for the cleaning agency used by the local American schools. Schools were evacuated. The German government and the U.S. military want to convert an abandoned U.S. military instal-



JOSHUA L. DeMORTIS/Stars and Stripes

Ramstein freshman Christian Miley, right, and Ramstein freshman Zoe McFarlin build a robot at this year's DODDS-Europe STEMposium in Wiesbaden, Germany, on Tuesday.

lation into an Ebola treatment center.

And that's where the kids came in.

They had to design an Ebola treatment center on one of 12 possible sites, trying to figure out how to supply the gutted facilities with utilities, find an adequate water source, contain the virus' spread and quell local residents' fears, among other challenges.

But the scenario as outlined is really just the story around an exercise intended to challenge the students to solve complex problems.

"It really has nothing to do with Ebola or any of the things that are actually part of the scenario," Pendzich said. "It's being able to look at a problem and think differently. So much of what happens

in our schools is kids are taught to think inside the box most of the time, and when you're working inside the box, it means that most of the answers are provided for you. They're not given an opportunity to escape the box ... very often. We put them in an environment where they can exercise those skills sets and master them."

The students were divided into teams and immersed in hands-on, instructional seminars. Some built and programmed a small Lego robot that could maneuver with a canister; the application in real life would be disposing of contaminated waste. Making the robots' tiny plastic canisters were the computer-simulation engineers, with the students learning to use three-dimensional printers. Others designed and built a

water storage tower, albeit on a miniature scale, with balsa wood, clothes and stick pins.

The pupils met with their assigned groups, representing all the engineering fields, to tackle the Ebola problem, applying what they learned in the seminars to the overall solution. In the process, they use a real-world skill that underlies all STEM disciplines.

"The teamwork is intense," said Kaiserslautern High School junior Christopher Rademacher, who was on the environmental engineering team.

"We're mostly figuring out what needs to be built," he said. "We send that to civil engineers, they figure out how to build it. They send it to the computer simulation engineers; they make a model on the computer and see what needs to be revised."

Rademacher said he wants to pursue a career in engineering — a goal not uncommon among his STEMposium classmates.

In the robotics room, Vicenza junior Jarrod Keck was in his element. "I just love STEM," he said. "That's what I want to go into. I would love to work for NASA, be an aerospace engineer and design rockets."

But while science enthusiasts were welcome, STEM organizers were also trying to reach students who may have the aptitude but not an expressed interest in STEM-related fields, Pendzich said.

"We want to change the way that they look at science, technology, engineering and math," he said, of all students. "We want to have them see that there are true rewards in pursuing a career field that's interesting, engaging and employable."

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Correction

The Dec. 10 story about VA fraud should have made clear the official was with the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, and that the man filed claims for himself and 17 others who were not VA employees.

Warrior-Scholar Program has boot camp slots

The Warrior-Scholar Program has more than 150 openings for its 2015 academic boot camps, designed to help veterans make the transition from the military to college.

The boot camps, held at 11 U.S. universities, are open to any veteran looking to enroll in or trans-

fer to a four-year undergraduate program. The nonprofit covers all costs except transportation. "College can be a significant challenge, even when the GI Bill and other sources of funding are helping pay tuition," Christopher Howell, WSP executive director, said in a statement.

The Warrior-Scholars curriculum centers on the themes of democracy, freedom and equality.

Classes focus on reading, writing and discussion skills, and a different professor gives a seminar every day. The program began in 2012 at Yale. Schools holding the two-week boot camps now include Vassar, Harvard, Michigan, Cornell and the University of Southern California.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Hagel to Iraqis: US firepower not the answer

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — As the first American defense secretary to visit Iraq since the U.S. officially ended its long war three years ago, Chuck Hagel's message to Iraqi leaders was plain: U.S. military power didn't solve Iraq's problems last time, nor will it now.

"As Iraqi leaders and the people of Iraq know, only they can bring lasting peace to their country — if they are resolved to do this," Hagel told reporters Tuesday after meeting Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi and other top Iraqi officials.

Hagel offered assurances that Washington is committed to helping Iraq regain the territory it lost to Islamic State fighters this year, and he emphasized the importance of building a durable international coalition to combat the extremist

group. But equally important was his insistence that no amount of outside assistance can substitute for Iraqi will.

He acknowledged that al-Abadi had asked him for more American air power and more U.S. heavy weaponry. "We need that," the prime minister could be heard telling Hagel as they began their meeting in al-Abadi's office. Asked by reporters later how he had responded, Hagel pointedly declined to say whether he agreed with al-Abadi.

U.S. warplanes have been attacking Islamic State targets across much of northern and western Iraq since August. In the months ahead, the Pentagon hopes to increasingly use air power in conjunction with Iraqi ground counteroffensives to retake territory. But Hagel's remarks seemed intended to encourage the idea

'This battle will be won or lost by allied boots on the ground, doing the hard work of training, advising and inspiring a shaky Iraqi army, not through throwing high-caliber weapons systems at the problem.'

James Stavridis

dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University

that the Iraqis' main focus should be on strengthening their own forces rather than appealing to Washington for a silver-bullet solution through U.S. firepower.

Hagel, who resigned under pressure barely two weeks ago, stuck to the Obama administration's insistence that Iraq's problems ultimately are rooted in political weakness that created the conditions for the Iraqi army's collapse last June.

While it encourages the Iraqi

government to pull together, the U.S. is working to build an international coalition that would help rebuild the Iraqi army. Four sites for the retraining of Iraqi forces are to be set up, with trainers from the U.S. and other countries.

U.S. Army Lt. Gen. James Terry, the top officer overseeing the U.S. military effort in Iraq and Syria, said Monday that about 1,500 trainers have been pledged by a variety of countries in Europe and the Middle East, with

details yet to be worked out.

James Stavridis, a retired Navy admiral and dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, said Tuesday he believes training and advising Iraqi troops ultimately will require 8,000 to 10,000 troops. He called the provision of 1,500 trainers from allied countries the most encouraging new development in the fight against Islamic State.

"Heavy weapons and more airpower would help, but building a true coalition with international partners is more important," Stavridis, a former commander of NATO forces in Europe, said in an email exchange. "This battle will be won or lost by allied boots on the ground, doing the hard work of training, advising and inspiring a shaky Iraqi army, not through throwing high-caliber weapons systems at the problem."

String of attacks kill 15 in Iraq as country battles Islamic State group

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A series of attacks in and near Baghdad on Wednesday, including one involving a suicide bomber driving a tanker truck, killed at least 15 people, Iraqi officials said.

In the tanker bombing, the suicide attack-

er targeted a security checkpoint in the village of Mikeshefa near the city of Samarra, about 60 miles north of Baghdad.

Nine Iraqi soldiers and Shiite militiamen aligned with government forces in the battle against the Islamic State group were killed in that attack, police officials said. The ex-

plosion also wounded at least 22 people.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing but Samarra and its surrounding areas have been under constant attacks by the Islamic State group.

Also Wednesday, a bomb struck near an outdoor market in the town of Madain, just

south of Baghdad, killing three people and wounding five. And a bomb explosion in a commercial street in southern Baghdad killed two people and wounded seven.

Later in the day, a roadside bomb hit an army patrol the Baghdad suburb of Abu Ghraib, killing one soldier and wounding six.



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WAR ON TERRORISM

Kerry pushes for flexible war powers in Iraq, Syria

Secretary of state: Senate shouldn't 'bind the hands' of president

By Travis J. Tritten
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State John Kerry said Tuesday that the Senate should not "bind the hands" of the president with a new war authorization that bars ground troops.

Kerry delivered the message to lawmakers as part of the Obama administration's first detailed request for legislation setting the scope of military force used against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. He also asked that lawmakers allow for targeting groups "associated" with the extremists and not limit operations geographically to those two countries.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is weighing a war authorization after months of U.S. airstrikes and amid growing concerns that lawmakers are obligated to take a stronger stand on the future of operations. The

committee will on Thursday debate a bill that limits the war to three years and bars the use of ground forces.

Kerry told the committee that President Barack Obama is open to language in an authorization that clarifies how combat forces may be used and still does not plan to deploy ground troops.

"It does not mean we should pre-emptively bind the hands of the commander-in-chief or our commanders in the field in responding to scenarios and contingencies that are impossible to foresee," Kerry said.

It was the latest indication by a top administration official that a ground war may still be on the table in Iraq, despite repeated assurances from the president that he will not lead the country into such a conflict again. Obama pulled troops from Iraq in 2011 after the U.S. military fought a bloody insurgency for eight years.

Kerry said the administra-

tion hopes to build a consensus in Congress leading to support in both the House and Senate. It has claimed it can legally wage the current campaign of coalition airstrikes and support of local allies under authorizations against al-Qaida and Saddam Hussein passed by Congress over a decade ago but that those laws should be updated.

Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., Foreign Relations chairman, drafted the Senate authorization proposal that blocks the use of ground combat operations except for protecting or rescuing U.S. personnel or gathering intelligence. It would allow spotters to direct airstrikes.

"In my view, the deployment of ground troops would be Groundhog Day in Iraq all over again," he said.

The bill also limits operations to three years, requiring the next administration to return to Congress for further authorization,



MOLLY RILEY/AP

Secretary of State John Kerry testifies on Tuesday before the Senate Foreign Relations hearing on "Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against IS" on Capitol Hill.

and mandates reports on progress every 60 days, Menendez said.

"I know some will see this as limited, but at the end of the day Americans will not support an authorization for endless war," he said.

The legislation may be voted out of the Senate committee later in the week but will almost certainly not pass into law before Congress ends its session in the coming days.

An authorization could be taken up again in January when it will be subject to more GOP

influence. The party takes majority control in both the House and Senate, and some Republicans have called for an increased role for the military.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., said he opposes the bill because it attempts to "micromanage" military tactics and "telegraphs" the U.S. strategy to the Islamic State.

"I think it takes a lot of the advantage away from our engagement," Rubio said.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Rights officials call for torture prosecution

By JOHN HEILPRIN
The Associated Press

GENEVA — All senior U.S. officials and CIA agents who authorized and carried out torture like waterboarding as part of former President George W. Bush's national security policy must be prosecuted, top U.N. human rights officials said Wednesday.

The U.N. high commissioner for human rights, Zeid Raad al-Hussein, said it is "crystal clear" under international law that the United States, which ratified the U.N. Convention Against Torture in 1994, now has an obligation to ensure accountability.

"In all countries, if someone commits murder, they are prosecuted and jailed," he said. "If they commit rape or armed robbery, they are prosecuted and jailed. If they order, enable or commit torture — recognized as a serious international crime — they cannot simply be granted impunity because of political expediency."

Ben Emmerson, the U.N.'s special rapporteur on counterterrorism and human rights, said the U.S. report showed "there was a clear policy orchestrated at a high level within the Bush administration, which allowed (it) to commit systematic crimes and gross violations of international human rights law."

He said international law prohibits granting immunity to public officials who allow the use of torture, and that applies not just to the actual perpetrators but also to those who plan and authorize it.

"The fact that the policies revealed in the U.S. report were authorized at a high level within the government provides no excuse whatsoever," Emmerson said. "Indeed, it reinforces the need for criminal accountability."

Human Rights Watch executive director Kenneth Roth echoed those comments,



MASSOUD HOSSAINI/AP

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani speaks during a press conference in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Wednesday at which he condemned torture practices outlined in a U.S. Senate report.

saying "unless this important truth-telling process leads to the prosecution of officials, torture will remain a 'policy option' for future presidents."

Newly elected Afghan President Ashraf Ghani said in a press conference that "The Afghan government condemns in the strongest language the inhuman and unjustifiable practices detailed in the report."

Ghani, who faces a virulent Taliban insurgency, has signed security agreements to keep U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan past the official conclusion of the 13-year combat mission on Dec. 31. His political survival depends on convincing

his fractured country that the brutality described in the Senate report is a thing of the past.

In addition to waterboarding, the U.S. tactics included slamming detainees against walls, confining them to small boxes, keeping them isolated for prolonged periods and threatening them with death.

It's not clear, however, how rights officials think these prosecutions will take place.

A Justice Department official said Wednesday the department did not intend to revisit its decision to not prosecute any of the interrogation methods. The of-

ficial said the department had reviewed the committee's report and did not find any new information that would cause the investigation to be reopened.

"Our inquiry was limited to a determination of whether prosecutable offenses were committed," the official said. "Importantly, our investigation was not intended to answer the broader questions regarding the propriety of the examined conduct."

The United States is also not part of the International Criminal Court, which began operating in 2002 to ensure that those responsible for the most heinous crimes could be brought to justice. That court can step in only when countries are unwilling or unable to dispense justice themselves for genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes. But any referral of a torture case would require approval by the U.N. Security Council, where the United States holds veto power.

In one case, suspected extremist Gul Rahman was interrogated at a prison in Afghanistan in late 2002, shackled to a wall in his cell and forced to rest on a bare concrete floor in only a sweatshirt. He died the next day. A CIA review and autopsy found he died of hypothermia.

Justice Department investigations into his death and another death of a CIA detainee resulted in no charges.

President Barack Obama said the interrogation techniques "did significant damage to America's standing in the world and made it harder to pursue our interests with allies." CIA Director John Brennan said the agency made mistakes and learned from them, but insisted the coercive techniques produced intelligence "that helped thwart attack plans, capture terrorists and save lives."

The Senate investigation, however, found no evidence the interrogations stopped imminent plots.

Lied: Hayden disputes report but says it's a 'good thing' public now knows

FROM FRONT PAGE

Tactics included confinement to small boxes, weeks of sleep deprivation, simulated drowning, slapping and slamming, and threats to kill, harm or sexually abuse families of the captives. President Barack Obama declared some of the past practices to be "brutal, and as I've said before, constitutive torture in my mind. And that's not who we are."

Congressional Republicans denounced the report as one-sided and politically motivated.

In broadcast interviews, former CIA Director Michael Hayden said the interrogation tactics were not legally torture, even though "we knew as bad as these people were, we were doing this to fellow human beings."

Hayden, who didn't take over the CIA until 2006, said "I didn't lie and I didn't mislead Congress" about the brutal nature of the interrogations and added that the report "reads like a prosecutorial screed rather than a historical document."

"I'm sure it's horrible," he said in an interview on NBC's "Today" show. "But it's also horrible for tens of thousands of American airmen whom we used it against for training."

"I disagree with the fact that you're claiming it to be news," he

told interviewer Savannah Guthrie. "These topics and subjects were all out there."

Hayden also disputed the committee findings that intelligence obtained by the interrogations was ineffective and did not help track down and kill al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

"Information gained from this program, and from detainees, was absolutely part of the fabric of information that the agency used to go after Osama bin Laden," he told NBC News' Brian Williams on "Nightly News" on Tuesday.

"Frankly, in my experience, we learned so much from these people. It kind of created this Home Depot-like warehouse of knowledge about al-Qaida to which we continually referred."

Nevertheless, Hayden said it was "probably a good thing" the public now knows what efforts the CIA was making on its behalf.

"What's happening now, these (CIA) folks having the rug pulled out from under them, people who thought they were doing what we wanted them to do. That's unprecedented," he said.

One of the two psychologists paid millions for designing the interrogations program also defended the treatment of al-Qaida detainees and disputed the Senate report.

"What I would love the American people to know is that the way the Senate Democrats on that committee described the credentials and background of the two psychologists is just factually, demonstrably incorrect," James E. Mitchell told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Wednesday from his Florida home.

Mitchell, who is identified in the Senate Intelligence Committee's report by a pseudonym, Grayson Swigert, declined to be specific about what he considered inaccurate, citing a secrecy agreement he signed as part of his employment.

The report said "Swigert" and his business partner, identified as "Dunbar," had "devised the CIA's enhanced interrogation techniques and played a central role in the operation, assessments, and management" of the program. The two, whose company was paid \$81 million, were said to be involved in some of the most brutal interrogations, including waterboarding applied to Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed that went beyond what the Justice Department had approved.

In the AP interview, Mitchell said the committee's report cherry-picked evidence to present

a false narrative about the CIA program.

"It's flat wrong," he said, to suggest that he had no experience as an interrogator and no understanding of al-Qaida, as the report says of the psychologists.

"I completely understand why the human rights organizations in the United States are upset by the Senate report," he said. "I would be upset by it too, if it were true."

Mitchell asserted that the Obama administration policy of using CIA drones to kill terrorists overseas with Hellfire missiles is more troubling than subjecting them to harsh interrogation measures.

"It's a lot more humane, even if you are going to subject them to harsh techniques, to question them while they are still alive

than it is to kill them and their children and their neighbors with a drone," he said.

Last week the Pentagon ordered combatant commanders to enhance their security posture because of a possible violent backlash to the report, especially in Muslim countries.

At least six U.S. embassies in the Mideast, Asia and Europe warned of possible anti-American demonstrations and attacks. The warning was issued by embassies in Egypt, Sweden, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Thailand, where the report said the CIA operated a "black site."

Pentagon officials said no protests had materialized as of Wednesday but they were watching for possible trouble after Muslim religious services on Friday.

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Prison: Report portrays facility as poorly run, using brutal tactics

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A few months later in March 2003, with the outside world still unaware of the secret facility, a lead CIA officer who ordered Rahman to be shackled naked in his cell was presented a \$2,500 "cash award" for his "consistently superior work," the report states. For two years, about 64 detainees filled the darkened hallways and small side rooms of the facility. The CIA began using the facility in September 2002, a year after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

Inside, the Senate report concludes, a culture of brutal interrogation tactics and torture reigned, often led by untrained and unsupervised officers using methods that CIA leaders did not know about.

The Salt Pit, one supervisor is quoted in the report as saying, was "good for interrogations because it is the closest thing ... to a dungeon."

Republicans and officials from the George W. Bush administration strongly defended the "enhanced interrogation techniques" used at the Salt Pit and other facilities as having been necessary to prevent another terrorist attack. Accounts of torture have emerged from similar CIA-designated "black sites" abroad.

But the Salt Pit in Afghanistan stood out, the Senate report concludes, as the domain of a rogue element, many woefully unprepared for their assignments. They roamed the facility largely unchecked, with CIA headquarters officials either unconcerned or unwilling to peek behind the blacked-out windows.

The agency placed a junior officer "with no relevant experience in charge of Cobalt," the report said, using the committee's code name for the Salt Pit.

Even some interrogators at Salt Pit complained about what was occurring there, saying that their techniques were unsafe or ineffective. One complaint urged CIA leaders to revoke the classified clearance of an officer "due to a lack of honesty, judgment and maturity."

Some senior leaders in the facility did not have the linguistic or analytical experience "to conduct effective questioning of CIA detainees." The result was "diminished intelligence" gathering, the report said. Almost no records were kept of the detainees or the progress of interrogations in the first year.

List of the 13 techniques used on detainees

By The Associated Press

Thirteen "enhanced interrogation techniques" are at the center of the Senate Intelligence Committee report about the CIA's use of harsh interrogation tactics after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. A look at the methods, as listed in a May 30, 2005, Justice Department memo to the CIA:

1. Abdominal slap: The purpose was to cause the detainee to feel fear and despair, to punish certain behavior and humiliate or insult the detainee, according to a description in government documents, obtained by the American Civil Liberties Union in 2009. The interrogator stands about a foot from the detainee's stomach, and slaps the detainee with the back of his hand. The interrogator's hand is held with the fingers together and straight, and slaps the detainee's abdomen. The CIA was using this technique prior to 2004 without approval by the Justice Department.

2. Attention grasp: The interrogator grabs the detainee by the collar, with two hands, and pulls him in closer, according to a description of the technique by former CIA acting general counsel John Rizzo. Rizzo described this technique being used on al-Qaida operative Abu Zubaydah in his recent book, "Company Man."

3. Cramped confinement: The interrogator would put the detainee in a box, sometimes big enough to stand in, for as long as 18 hours, or one only big enough to curl up in for as long as two hours, Rizzo said in his book. The interrogator had the option to put a "harmless" insect inside the small box when the technique was used on Zubaydah, because he hated bugs, Rizzo said.

4. Dietary manipulation: This technique involved switching from solid foods to liquid. For instance, in August of 2002, Zubaydah was put on a liquid diet that consisted of Ensure and water, the Senate report said.

5. The facial hold: The interrogator holds the detainee's head so it can't move and puts one hand on each side of the detainee's face, keeping fingertips away from the detainee's eyes, Rizzo explained in his book.

6. The facial slap/insult slap: The interrogator slaps the detainee in the face, with fingers spread, striking between the chin and earlobe, Rizzo explained in his book. The idea, Rizzo said, was to startle or humiliate the detainee, Zubaydah, and "disabuse him of the notion that he wouldn't be physically hit."

7. Nudity: This technique was used with others. For instance, a detainee would be forced to stand for prolonged periods while nude.

8. Stress positions: The purpose of these techniques was to stimulate mild discomfort from extended muscle use, according to a description in a government document obtained by the ACLU. Two such positions, used on Zubaydah, were to have him sit on the floor with his legs stretched out in front of him and his arms above his head, or kneeling on the floor while leaning back at a

45-degree angle, Rizzo said in his book.

9. Sleep deprivation: Detainees were kept awake for as long as 180 hours, often standing or in a stress position, the Senate report said. Sometimes, the detainees' hands would be shackled above their heads. At least five detainees had "disturbing hallucinations" during this technique, and in two of those cases, the CIA continued the practice. One detainee, Arslan Khan, hallucinated after 56 hours of standing sleep deprivation in October 2003. After this, the CIA came to the conclusion that he "does not appear to be the subject involved in ... current plans or activities against U.S. personnel or facilities." After about a month of detention and interrogation, the CIA recommended he be released to his village, but interrogators instead transferred him to the U.S. military, where he remained in custody for four years.

10. Wall standing: A detainee faces a wall, standing about 4 feet away. The interrogator has the detainee reach out his arms toward the wall so that his fingers are touching it. The detainee would have to hold that position indefinitely, according to a description by Rizzo about this technique used on Zubaydah.

11. Wailing: Interrogators slam detainees against a wall. In one instance, Zubaydah was slammed against a concrete wall, the Senate report said. On March 22, 2003, al-Qaida leader Khalid Sheikh Mohammed underwent "intense" questioning and wailing. Giving up no new information, interrogators water-boarded him. After an hour of that, he said he was "ready to talk," the CIA said.

12. Waterboarding: The detainee is strapped to a board or bench, and water is poured over the detainee's face to simulate drowning. According to the Senate report, the technique brought on convulsions and vomiting, immediate fluid intake and involuntary leg, chest and arm spasms. Abu Zubaydah became "completely unresponsive, with bubbles rising through his open, full mouth." Zubaydah was described as "hysterical" after these sessions and "distressed to a level that he was unable to effectively communicate." At one point, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed was waterboarded 65 times between the afternoon of March 12, 2003, and the morning of March 13.

13. Water dousing: Naked detainees were held down on a tarp on the floor, according to the Senate report. The tarp would be pulled up around them to make a bathtub. Cold or refrigerated water would be poured on them. In some cases, detainees were hosed down over and over again as they were naked and shackled, standing in a sleep deprivation pose.

lution nearby, two-thirds full, and a watering can resting on wooden beams.

Few in the CIA leadership seemed to know much about the Salt Pit or what happened there. Then-CIA Director George Tenet told investigators from the inspectors' generals "that he was not very familiar" with the Salt Pit or what the agency "is doing with medium-value targets."

CIA General Counsel Scott Muller erroneously thought it was just a holding facility and said he had "no idea who he was responsible for, according to the report. Jose Rodriguez, head of the CIA's Counterterrorism Center, was focused on "other higher priorities."

That left the guards and the interrogators to run the place. Just a month after it was opened, they let in an inspection team from the federal Bureau of Prisons. The inspectors quickly gave their blunder, noting that they were "WOWed" by the facility "because there is nothing like this" in the bureau's prison system in the U.S.

Najjar, who was captured in Pakistan, was designated a high-priority prisoner. There was no evidence he resisted, yet hoods, restraints and round-the-clock interrogations were approved for him. He was forbidden toilet privileges and instead given a diaper. Threats were made that his family would be killed, the report states.

CIA officers saw a "reasonable chance of breaking Najjar" to learn more about bin Laden. According to the CIA, he "became the model" for future interrogations.

Within a month, Najjar was "clearly a broken man ... on the verge of complete breakdown," according to CIA documents quoted in the report. Whether he ever cooperated is unclear. He reportedly is now held at the U.S. airfield at Bagram, Afghanistan.

Despite its stated interest in Najjar, the CIA in the end only sent one intelligence report discussing his incarceration and interrogations.

Rahman, who died two months after the Salt Pit opened, was described in CIA documents as an "Islamic extremist." The initial cable to Washington regarding Rahman's death "included a number of misstatements and omissions" by Salt Pit officials, the report stated.

On the last night of his life, Rahman was dragged down the corridors by five CIA officers, who shackled him to the wall and floor. "He had been judged to be uncooperative during an earlier interrogation," the report stated. At dawn, his broken corpse was no longer of any use to U.S. officials hoping to gather intelligence.

Guards and interrogators tiptoed through the darkness, carrying headlamps to count detainees packed into two dozen cells. Their lights illuminated prisoners hanging from overhead bars, neck to buckets on the floor to catch their waste. One hung there for 17 days.

Another detainee "looked like a dog that had been kenneled,"

wrote an interrogator: "When the doors to their cells were opened, they cowered," according to CIA documents quoted in the report.

Indeed, reports of sleep and sensory deprivation; of nudity and unhealthful, unsanitary food; of cold showers and ice buckets; rough takedowns and mock executions; never were reported to supervisors.

Everything seemed shrouded, everything secret. Documentation was sketchy, meaning a full account of what happened at the Salt Pit may never be known.

According to official reports, no waterboarding took place. But the study referred to a CIA photo depicting a "waterboard device" surrounded by buckets, with a bottle of unknown pink so-

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U.S. forces help train Afghan police recruits at the Kabul Military Training Center in 2009. A Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction report criticizes the inadequate results of billions of dollars spent by the U.S. and others to rebuild Afghanistan.

SIGAR: Major investments in Afghan security 'at risk'

By CARLO MUNOZ
Stars and Stripes

After 13 years of war and billions in aid, Afghanistan's security forces are "not fiscally sustainable" at current levels, a U.S. government watchdog said Wednesday, raising questions about whether the Afghans can maintain the fight against the Taliban as the U.S. and NATO troops leave the country.

The Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, in a new report, also criticized the Afghan government's inability to curb rampant corruption and rein in the escalating narcotics trade.

Those findings are at odds with the upbeat assessment of Afghanistan's military by the top NATO commander, Gen. John Campbell, who spoke Monday at the closing ceremony for the Joint Command of the International Security Assistance Force. He said that Afghanistan's army and police "overmatch the enemy wherever and whenever they meet."

The SIGAR report says that more than half of the \$62 billion the U.S. has spent in reconstruction programs has gone toward building and maintaining the security forces.

Nonetheless the report adds: "This substantial investment in Afghanistan's security is at risk.... Much work remains to be done to develop and maintain a modern army and national police."

The situation is likely to get worse as the current U.S. and NATO mission winds down and as international donors cut back funding. The risks include "renewed civil war in Afghanistan and increased instability in the region," SIGAR says, citing an assessment of Afghanistan's security situation by the Center for Naval Analyses.

In a 2013 review of Pentagon budget investments in current and future Afghan National Security Forces construction programs, SIGAR auditors found that Kabul did not have the means or will to maintain

the network of U.S.-built bases, airfields and military headquarters.

At NATO's summit meeting in Wales in September, alliance members pledged to fund the ANSF with \$5.1 billion a year until 2017, when the financial situation will be reviewed. To make the cost of sustaining the army and police more affordable, NATO plans call for reducing their size in 2017 if security conditions permit.

The report, which summarizes several years of investigations conducted by SIGAR auditors, finds that the billions spent by the United States and international community to rebuild Afghanistan have done little to solidify the country's postwar future.

In aggregate, the investigations paint a damning picture of wasteful and poorly planned reconstruction efforts, often lacking proper oversight or clearly defined goals.

SIGAR sees daunting challenges ahead for the country — not only in security but also in such crucial areas as counter-narcotics and anti-corruption.

Despite Pentagon funding of \$7.8 billion for Afghan-led counter-narcotics operations, Afghanistan still leads the world in opium production, SIGAR says, with drug sales and production making up 15 percent of the country's gross domestic product.

A recent report by the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime found that poppy eradication efforts had fallen by 63 percent between 2013 and 2014. Poppy cultivation has risen by 7 percent during the same period, while opium production is projected to rise by 17 percent.

One problem that pervades all aspects of Afghan society is corruption. SIGAR found that far from eliminating corruption, some U.S. aid projects have actually facilitated it.

"The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), State, and other U.S. agencies have not always considered sustainability when planning programs or

projects, jeopardizing the massive investment that the United States and other international donors have made," the report said.

For example, SIGAR says, government corruption within the country's customs revenue collection system has gutted one of Afghanistan's main sources of income, customs revenue, which SIGAR says accounted for 44 to 48 percent of Afghanistan's total domestic revenue for the past three years.

This year, Washington invested \$198 million in several Afghan assistance programs aimed at doubling that revenue stream. "However, its potential as a stable source of government income remains uncertain" because of embezzlement, fraud and other corrupt practices.

Afghanistan's new president, Ashraf Ghani, recently launched efforts to crack down on corruption in Kabul and elsewhere. He reopened a controversial criminal investigation into fraud at the Kabul Bank, quashed by former president Hamid Karzai. The re-investigation resulted in stiff prison sentences for several top bank officials.

Earlier this month, Ghani purged all ministerial appointees named by Karzai, as well as provincial governors and military leaders affiliated with Afghanistan.

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Outgoing sergeant major of the Army calls for back-to-basics approach

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KABUL, Afghanistan — As the U.S. presence in Afghanistan shrinks to some 10,000 troops after more than a decade of major counterinsurgency operations, the U.S. Army needs to get back to training for major conventional warfare, the Army's outgoing top enlisted leader said Tuesday.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III said the Army is in the midst of a transformation that has many soldiers asking about their future, whether they will be able to continue to serve given budget cuts and what that service will entail.

"As we started to draw down, more and more people started to worry about their ability to deploy," Chandler said during a roundtable with reporters at the NATO coalition's headquarters in Kabul.

"Let's face it, soldiers join the Army to be soldiers, and the ultimate test of that is to deploy into harm's way."

Some soldiers have expressed concerns about a lack of clear mission for a military beset by budget cuts.

"What we've become is an Army of preparation versus an army of execution," he said. "We're saying, look, we're moving away from the [counterinsurgency] environment. As an Army, we need to reset ourselves for high-intensity conflict, decisive action operations."

With the war in Afghanistan nowhere near finished and American troops once again involved in Iraq, some analysts have urged military leaders not to move away from training in low-intensity operations and counterinsurgency, known as COIN.

But Chandler argued that major conventional operations need to remain the baseline capability for the Army.

"We've got to train for the most difficult thing there is to do, which is really decisive action: major high-end conflict, tanks, Bradleys, all that stuff," he said. "If we can do that, then anything else can be done relatively easily."

We should be training for major conflict, which is the worst-case scenario. And then if we need to do something like COIN here in Afghanistan, we can do that."

Under that strategy, every soldier will train to fight "decisive actions," while more specialized training will be offered when soldiers deploy on humanitarian, counterinsurgency, training or other less conventional — but recently more common — missions.

That transformation is complicated by budget cuts mandated by Congress. Chandler, who retires from the Army in January, said soldiers he talked to in Afghanistan during this trip are more worried about their future in the Army than the future of operations in the country. He visited troops at major bases such as Kandahar and Bagram air fields.

Some soldiers have been informed of discharges while deployed to Afghanistan, and others face that concern when they return home. Fears about the future of their careers has eclipsed many other issues now, Chandler said.

"They'll do what we ask them to do, they have, and they've done it magnificently from my perspective," he said.

"But they're going to rotate out of Afghanistan, and they're going to go back where they came from, and many want to continue to serve," Chandler said. "Right now, as the Army continues to draw down, their anxiety level ... continues to rise. And so those are primarily the types of questions I'm getting."

While U.S. troops will continue to rotate in and out of Afghanistan for years, the end of major deployments in America's longest war has prompted a re-examination of many of the military's roles.

"We had trained for high-intensity conflict for a long time, and prior to 9/11 that's what we were doing," Chandler noted. "Right after 9/11 came along and we had to adjust our tactics and our strategy, and we've done that. Now as we leave those locations where COIN had to occur, we're going to go back and reset the baseline for the Army. I don't think that's new. But this time more to people who have been in the Army during the post-9/11 period and are now going to have to transition back to something different."

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General: LANDCOM reaches capacity in training exercise

By MICHAEL S. DARNELL
Stars and Stripes

GRAFENWÖHR, Germany — NATO's Allied Land Command has finally reached full operational capacity, LANDCOM commander Lt. Gen. John Nicholson said on Wednesday at the close of NATO's largest training exercise since the end of the Cold War.

One aim of the exercise, Trident Lance, was to test how well a fully operational LANDCOM — which is charged with improving the effectiveness and reaction time of the alliance's land forces — could respond to an international crisis. The scenario dealt with the hypothetical invasion of NATO member Estonia, which borders Russia.

More than 3,700 troops took part in scenarios, simulated with computer and traditional training events, for everything from missile strikes to cyberattacks.

The bulk of Trident Lance was based out of the Joint Multinational Training Center in Grafenwöhr. Command elements from Poland, Greece and Turkey also took part, while U.S. Army in Europe provided a hefty logistical contribution.

Nicholson was joined by Supreme Allied Commander Europe Gen. Phillip Breedlove and Supreme Allied Commander Transformation French Gen. Jean-Paul Palomeros to talk about how Trident Lance reflects the new reality of military operations in Europe.

"Two years ago the head of states and government of NATO

decided to reinvest in training and exercises because they felt that we needed to regain our readiness and to keep the lessons that we have learned through the operations," Palomeros said. "Today, this connective forces initiative is a reality, and we see that through this exercise."

Even though this exercise has been in the planning stages for years, growing tensions in eastern Europe have given it added impetus, Breedlove said. "As you have seen over the past few months, Russia's aggressive actions in Ukraine have triggered the alliance to begin a series of assurance and adaptation measures to assure our allies and adapt our military organizations to the new security environment in Europe," he said.

"Trident Lance is a part of what will be a persistent and continuous level of activity, to include exercises large and small to ensure our forces are prepared to respond on short notice when needed."

Nicholson added that some of the lessons learned from Trident Lance would be applied as NATO LANDCOM stands up its future rapid-reaction force.

"We've learned a tremendous amount through the exercise, but we're also confident that coming out of this exercise we're very capable, and we as an alliance are capable of conducting large-scale land operations."

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S. Korean in US to push reunification

By ASHLEY ROWLAND
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SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's top official on North Korea is in the United States to promote his president's policy on reunification on the peninsula.

During the first visit by a unification minister since 2011, Ryoo Kihl-jae will meet in Washington with Acting Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman; Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; and Rep. Ed Royce, R-Calif., chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, according to South Korea's Yonhap News.

Ryoo was also scheduled to meet with North Korean analysts, U.N. officials to discuss humanitarian aid for the North, and Korean-American youth in Los Angeles before returning Sunday to Seoul, Yonhap said.

Ryoo is expected to explain President Park Geun-hye's policy of laying the groundwork for reunification with the North through trust-building measures.

A Unification Ministry spokesperson noted that the ministry is "working to increase support for reunification among its 'global partners,'" including China, Japan and Russia.

North Korea has also said it wants reunification, declaring in October it wanted to achieve reunification in 2015 though the implications of that declaration were unclear. The South Korean government said at the time that the North appeared to be preparing for a full-scale war.

At a September speech in Seoul, Ryoo said one roadblock to reunification is the "negative, passive, and cynical view on the unification of the Korean Peninsula (that) is increasingly prevalent in the international community as well as in Korean society. I believe this issue poses a severe challenge

to unification.

"The international community should join in our efforts to persuade the North to abandon its nuclear program and become a responsible member of the international community," he said.

Yoo Chan-yul, a professor of political science and diplomacy at Duksung Women's University in Seoul, said Ryoo's efforts are likely to garner little interest in the U.S., when other global issues have higher priority, from the rise of the Islamic State to negotiations over Iran's nuclear program, as well as the U.S. relationship with China. "I think the U.S. is very distracted right now," he said.

"Kim Jong Un has not become weaker," said Paik Hak-soon, a senior research fellow at the Sejong Institute in Seoul. "Rather, he's become stronger, so how can you talk about reunification under the circumstances?"

"He's going more for (South Korean) domestic audiences than to accomplish anything," Paik said. "Of course, the U.S. is an ally and it's supposed to say that we support South Korea's unification policy, but it's a nominal support."

The prospect of eventual reunification has long been a given for many in South Korea, despite the growing economic, political and cultural disparities between the two countries.

A recent survey by Seoul National University's Institute for Peace and Unification Studies found growing support among South Koreans for reunification, with some 55.9 percent of respondents saying reunification is in the South's best interest. That figure was up more than 7 percentage points from the previous year.

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Pac general wishes for better technology

By WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — Army Pacific commander Gen. Vincent Brooks delivered his Christmas wish list to high-tech company reps and engineers Tuesday.

Brooks wants a means to efficiently but securely communicate with partner nations during operations, seamless communication wherever he goes around the world, and “full knowledge” on all terrain before forces physically arrive there.

“These are simple promises,” Brooks joked during the opening speech for the TechNet Asia Pacific conference.

The annual three-day expo in Honolulu is a chance for the defense industry to hear first-hand from command leaders what technological developments they are seeking — and willing to throw their support behind.

Other speakers will include Pacific Fleet commander Adm. Harry B. Harris; deputy commander of U.S. Cyber Command Lt. Gen. Kevin McLaughlin; and commander of Marine Corps Forces Pacific Lt. Gen. John A. Toodan.

Brooks described the unbroke system of communication he wants.

“I should be able to leave my headquarters with my communications coming from my desk, to my hand, to my vehicle, to my airplane, to the sedan that meets me at the other end, to the op center that I arrive at in a foreign country,” he said. “I should never lose connectivity. Folks, we can’t do that right now. I need a bunch of engineers to do that, and each one of those interfaces is going to be



WYATT OLSON/Stars and Stripes

Gen. Vincent Brooks, commander of U.S. Army Pacific, speaks to an audience Tuesday at the TechNet Asia-Pacific conference in Honolulu.

different.”

He’d also like to see an advance in what he called the “ability to stretch the network in advance” so Army forces would have accurate, detailed information about terrain.

Brooks visited Indonesia in September during the Army’s Garuda Shield exercise with that nation’s army. It was held in a remote training camp at the far eastern end of Java island.

The U.S. brought surveillance drones, which are fed tactical elevation data before exercises — or real operations — are conducted, he said. But the Army did not possess digital terrain elevation data for the “backwoods of Indonesia,” he said. Without that, he said, “UAVs can’t go up.”

Brooks’ third and final aspiration is perhaps the most important but difficult to achieve: coordinating equipment, communications and logistics between the Army and partner nations — cooperation that’s at times thorny but no

longer optional.

He said the Army would “love” to have an alliance structure in Asia that was NATO-like, rather than bilateral.

“But I don’t see that coming. I really don’t,” he said. “That’s just not the way this region is geared. There’s not the same kind of trust, and the baggage of experiences long past endure longer in Asia and the Pacific than they do anywhere else in the world, in my view. So I don’t see us suddenly coming up with an architecture that is standing agreements like they’re described in NATO.”

That leaves the “basic approaches” of the U.S. military as the standard framework for such a network.

“What I mean by that is that if we’re going to have friends who may or may not talk to one another, but will talk to us, then we’re the network.”

Although South Korea and Japan are among America’s closest allies in the Pacific, they

cooperate little militarily. Long-standing tensions also exist between other countries in Southeast Asia, and most of them have also been adjusting to a growingly assertive Chinese navy.

Even though the Defense Department is cutting spending and the public is war-weary after a decade of conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan, “we have to be more out there than ever,” Brooks said. “In my view, the smaller we are — and this is across all of the forces — the more we must be engaged if we’re to retain the position of regional and national and global leadership.

“We’ll have to rely more on our friends than ourselves in a time of crisis.”

Multinational exercises and other military-to-military engagements are the “bread and butter” of building effective coordination with partner nations, he said.

For example, the Army chooses a unit or specialty and matches it with similar capabilities “in one of our friendly countries so that there’s a personal connection, a practical connection that happens, not just a technical connection.”

But the technology needed to blend these forces is lagging, he said.

He again used an example from the exercise in Indonesia. Both armies had identical and advanced radio systems. “And so for once we had the architecture in place between U.S. and Indonesian forces,” he said.

But there was still a language gap for which they found a decidedly low-tech solution by seating bilingual radio operators next to

each other.

“It was fascinating to see how people work through these things,” Brooks said. “But, folks, that’s not good enough. If we have to rely on the ingenuity of our people, then we haven’t done enough work to find better technical solutions that can recognize any player and can compensate for things like language gap as well as the technical gap that comes with information assurance on networks.”

Brooks also pointed out that each military technological advancement puts more and more distance between the U.S. and the partners in emerging countries.

“This is one of our extraordinary challenges: how we maintain a cutting edge with the United States, preserve a competitive advantage in a contested space because some are catching up with us, while at the same time accumulating more and more partners who are further and further away from our capabilities.”

In a later speech, Terry Halvorsen, acting chief information officer for the DOD, said that not only should the U.S. be unconcerned about “outrunning” its allies and future partners in military technology, the trend should be encouraged.

“I absolutely want us to be 100 percent ahead of everybody in technology,” he said. The U.S. has based its “warfare game” on high-tech dominance, not high numbers of troops and the like, he said.

“That said, you have to balance it. We’ve got to balance what we want to put out there and what we’re willing to operate on.”

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NATION

\$1.1 trillion spending bill unveiled

By Andrew Taylor
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—A \$1.1 trillion spending bill that would allow the U.S. government to avoid yet another shutdown faces its first test in the House of Representatives.

The 1,606-page measure was to be scrutinized by the rules committee in advance of a House vote Thursday, but support from the top leaders in both the House and the Senate appears to guarantee its passage and prevent a government shutdown at midnight Thursday.

The compromise spending bill will permit virtually the entire government — with the exception of the Homeland Security Department — to operate normally until the fiscal year ends on Sept. 30.

Funds for that agency will run out Feb. 27, when Republicans are

expected to try to use the expiration as leverage to force President Barack Obama to roll back a decision suspending the threat of deportation for an estimated 4 million immigrants living in the country illegally.

Still, conservatives are unhappy because the bill fails to challenge Obama's immigration policy and many Democrats are displeased because it weakens regulation of risky financial instruments.

The Defense portion of the bill provides \$554.2 billion in base budget and overseas contingency operation funding, according to the office of Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., including:

- Funding the 1 percent pay raise for military and civilian personnel, as requested by the Defense Department and authorized by the Senate Armed Services Committee.

- Slows increases to Basic Allowance for Housing, costing servicemembers 1 percent of out-of-pocket costs.

- Providing an additional \$25 million for continuation and expansion of the Special Victims Counsel Program to provide victims of sexual assault with legal assistance and support.

- \$3 million for the Healthy Base Initiative, which promotes wellness practices for troops and their families living on base.

- Adding money to maintain operations at commissaries, pending the commission on compensation report due next year. The House defense bill had sought to cut \$100 million, which industry officials said would result in staff or hours being cut.

The measure adheres to tight budget caps negotiated previously between the White House and Re-

publicans. It also includes several provisions to fulfill Republican policy objectives, including significantly weakening new regulations that require banks to set up separate affiliates to deal in the more exotic and riskier forms of complex financial instruments called swaps.

Democrats won budget increases for the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Republicans won a big cut to the Internal Revenue Service budget and a smaller cut for the Environmental Protection Agency.

Democrats blocked the most ambitious attempts by Republicans to thwart Obama administration regulations on greenhouse gas emissions blamed for global warming; Republicans again won concessions exempting livestock producers from regulations on

Workers won't get paid to wait in security

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court ruled unanimously Tuesday that workers who fill orders in Amazon.com warehouses need not be paid for the time they spend in security lines at the end of their shifts to make sure they haven't stolen any products.

The court reversed a lower court ruling for the workers, who alleged they spent as much as 25 minutes at warehouses in Nevada waiting to go through security clearance.

But Justice Clarence Thomas said that federal law requires that workers be paid for activities before and after their shifts only when the activities are "integral and indispensable" to the job they are hired to perform.

"The Court of Appeals erred by focusing on whether an employer required a particular activity," Thomas wrote. "The integral and indispensable test is tied to the productive work that the employee is employed to perform."

He added that Integrity Staffing Solutions, a company that provides workers for Amazon warehouses across the nation, "did not employ its workers to undergo security screenings, but to retrieve products from warehouse shelves and package those products for shipment to Amazon customers."

The implications of the decision would have been great had it gone the other way. There are more than a dozen class-action suits filed against Amazon and other companies that use security checks at the end of shifts to make sure none of their inventory walks out with the workers. A win would have opened the way for hundreds of millions of dollars in compensation.

The workers had claimed that because the security checks were required in order to keep their jobs, they should be compensated for their time. And they said that the company could cut the wait time by employing more security screeners or staggering shifts so that not all the workers were released at once.

But the court agreed with the Obama administration in reading the law to favor the company. And Thomas said it was not relevant to the law whether the company had ways to reduce the wait time.

Protesters in California march for 4th straight night

The Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — Hundreds of protesters angered by the killing of unarmed black men by white police officers marched through downtown Berkeley streets for a fourth straight night, briefly blocking traffic on a highway and delaying metro and train services.

A demonstration was planned Wednesday, with organizers saying they expect hundreds of people to help shut down a federal building in Oakland.

"As white people, we are outraged by the constant and ongoing violations against black people's lives from Ferguson to Oakland to San Francisco to Cleveland to Staten Island," said Jason Wallach, of Showing Up for Racial Justice.

Organizers said the "act of civil disobedience" will happen in at least 27 cities nationwide.

In Berkeley, authorities arrested at least 19 people Tuesday night. City police arrested five adults and one juvenile, and the California Highway Patrol apprehended an additional 13. The protests became sporadically destructive overnight, hours, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

Protesters have rallied for



NOAH BERGER/AP

Toppled merchandise rests on the floor of a store looted by protesters on Tuesday in Emeryville, Calif.

weeks following grand jury decisions not to indict a Ferguson, Mo., officer in the killing of Michael Brown and a New York City officer captured on video applying a fatal chokehold on Eric Garner.

Berkeley has been the center of protests this week, and demonstrators have made claims that police used excessive force.

Mayor Tom Bates said some people have voiced support for police amid the criticism. He said in a statement Tuesday that 20 officers were injured Monday night and two went to the hospital during a violent protest when people threw fist-sized rocks, bricks and metal bars at officers who moved to disperse crowds that blocked an interstate and halted an Amtrak train.

"I recognize that under great stress abuses can occur in even the best departments," Bates said in the statement.

"I support a full review of our response to investigate any improper use of force and also to learn lessons we can apply in the future."

He canceled a scheduled Berkeley City Council meeting Tuesday night after threats to disrupt it.

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NATION

Gas price estimate for '15 cut to \$2.60

The Associated Press

The Energy Department again slashed its prediction for next year's average price of gasoline across the U.S., this time to \$2.60 a gallon. That would be 23 percent below this year's projected average and the lowest full-year average since 2009.

If that comes to pass, the price drop will save U.S. drivers \$100 billion over the course of the year based on current consumption levels. That will boost the overall economy by reducing shipping and transportation costs and leaving consumers more money to spend on other things.

In its most recent short-term energy outlook, released Tuesday, the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration cut its gasoline price forecast for 2015 by 35 cents a gallon. It was the second time in two months that the EIA cut the forecast by more than 30 cents a gallon.

The average national price of gasoline dropped to \$2.66 a gallon on Tuesday according to AAA, 61 cents less than last year at this time. The national average has fallen every day since Sept. 26.

The steep drop in gasoline prices is a result of a drop in crude oil supplies. Global crude prices have fallen to around \$66 per barrel from a June high of \$115 per barrel. The EIA trimmed its forecast for U.S. production growth. U.S. crude oil output is expected to rise by 300,000 barrels per day to 9.3 million barrels a day. The EIA had previously expected production to rise by 400,000 barrels per day.

The lower crude prices are forcing oil companies to scale back drilling plans for next year. As a result, the EIA trimmed its forecast for U.S. production growth. U.S. crude oil output is expected to rise by 300,000 barrels per day to 9.3 million barrels a day. The EIA had previously expected production to rise by 400,000 barrels per day.

Colo. draws line in sand with neighbors on water

The Associated Press

DENVER — With demand increasing across the West, Colorado is drawing up a strategy to keep some of the trillions of gallons of water that gushes out of the Rocky Mountains every spring — most of which flows downstream to drought-stricken California, Arizona, Nevada and Mexico.

Colorado wants to ensure its farms, wildlife and rapidly growing cities have enough water in the decades to come. It's pledging to provide downstream states every gallon they're legally entitled to, but not a drop more.

"If anybody thought we were going to roll over and say, 'OK, California, you're in a really bad drought, you get to use the water that we were going to use,' they're mistaken," said James Eklund, director of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, which wrote the draft after a series of public

meetings.

Eklund's insistence on Colorado's water rights drew diplomatic responses from his colleagues in other states on the eve of a Las Vegas meeting of water managers. The managers, from seven states, are working on ways to ensure 40 million people in the parched Colorado River basin don't go thirsty.

"California has not sought any Colorado River water beyond its entitlement and has no intention of doing so," said Jeff Kightlinger, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. He referred to the Colorado River Compact of 1922 that covers water allocations to Colorado, California, New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona and Nevada.

The Colorado plan was being submitted to Gov. John Hickenlooper on Wednesday. A final version is expected in late 2015 and will propose legislation.



BRENNAN LINSLEY/AP

James Eklund, director of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, is pledging to provide downstream states only the water to which they're legally entitled.



ROBERT SABO/AP

Britain's Prince William and his wife, Kate, place flowers at the edge of one of the reflecting pools while visiting the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York on Tuesday.

Royals tour 9/11 museum

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Britain's Prince William and his wife, Kate, wrapped up their first visit to New York in a three-day whirlwind that included a black-tie reception, a meeting with basketball king LeBron James and a solemn, rain-drenched visit to the National September 11 Memorial & Museum.

At the museum Tuesday, their last day, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge paid their respects with a handwritten note and told its leaders they were struck by the enormity of the loss in the 2001 terrorist attacks.

"In sorrowful memory of those who died on 11th September and in admiration of the courage shown to rebuild, William and Catherine," she wrote in a note the couple left with flowers on the memorial pools lined with the names of the nearly 3,000

victims.

As the royals toured the museum devoted to the attacks, they examined such artifacts as preserved trident columns from one of the fallen twin towers' facades and viewed rows upon rows of victims' portraits. Like other visitors, they left virtual signatures to be projected on a crucial underground wall that survived the attacks and held back the Hudson River, with Kate looking on with a smile as hers appeared. And they asked questions about the memorial pools' design, about how victims' families had responded to the museum, and about the attacks themselves, National September 11 Memorial & Museum President Joe Daniels said.

Curious museumgoers stood by to get a look at the royals — including the pregnant Kate's hot-pink Mulberry coat, black tights and black stiletto-heeled pumps, over a black dress from materni-

ty designer Seraphine. Other fans braved heavy, cold rain outside.

The royals, now 32, were beginning their studies at the University of St. Andrews when the attacks happened. Sixty-seven British citizens died that day, the highest toll of any country other than the U.S.

After the museum, the royal couple watched dance and storytelling performances at The Door, a youth development organization.

The royals went on to a reception celebrating the arts, with guests including actor Patrick Stewart and producer Harvey Weinstein. And William got a look at the view from the Empire State Building's famous 86th-floor observatory while attending an innovation-focused reception with New York Mayor Bill de Blasio.

The duke and duchess ended their trip at a black-tie scholarship fundraiser for St. Andrews.

Security upped after NYC Jewish center stabbing

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Authorities are stepping up security at the headquarters of an international Jewish organization in Brooklyn after a mentally ill man wandered inside the library and stabbed a student in the head before he was shot and killed by police.

Calvin Peters, 49, was seen on amateur video waving a knife in the Chabad-Lubavitch headquarters at 1:40 a.m. Tuesday after the attack on Levi Rosenblatt. The 22-year-old, wounded on the side

of the head, was listed in stable condition.

New York City police said the stabbing was not believed to be connected to terrorism. But it shook the Jewish community, still reeling over an attack on a Jerusalem synagogue by two Palestinian cousins last month that left four worshippers and an officer dead.

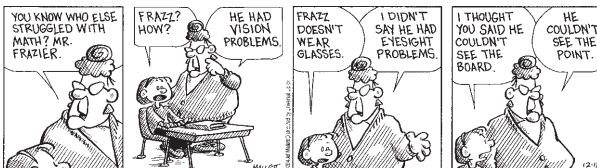
Police Commissioner William Bratton said the department was already on heightened alert based on the incidents in Israel. His deputy commissioner for in-

telligence and counterterrorism, John Miller, said there was an increased presence at religious locations.

New York state Assemblyman Dov Hikind, whose Brooklyn constituents are largely Orthodox Jews, said synagogues may want to start taking stronger security precautions. "Maybe it is time for someone walks in with a knife, how do you defend yourself?"

Chabad-Lubavitch officials said security was tightened, but didn't elaborate.

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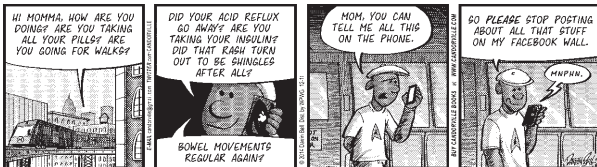
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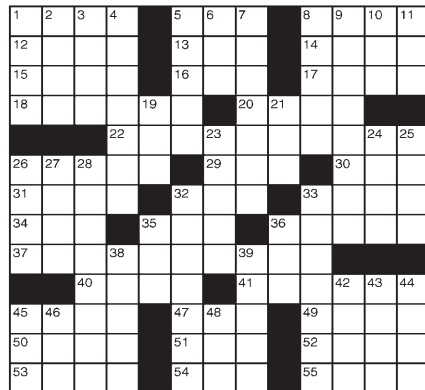
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- 15 Gator's cousin
- 16 Pompous one
- 17 "My bad"
- 18 Jungle expedi-tion
- 20 Office part-timer
- 22 USPS option
- 26 Mend anew
- 29 Easter entree
- 30 Witness
- 31 Analgesic target
- 32 Foundation
- 33 Anger
- 34 Bashful
- 35 "Gosh!"
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- 37 Analysis of a recent event
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- 21 Shade provider
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- 24 Lily variety
- 25 Adolescent
- 26 Grate
- 27 Reverbate
- 28 Ambulance chasers, e.g.
- 32 Grendel's slayer
- 33 Vestige
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- 39 Characteristic
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- 48 Vast expanse

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT YOU CALL GUYS WORKING ON FARMS WHO TAKE CARE OF DOMESTIC FOWL? CHICKEN TENDERS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals T

NATION

The sun sets over the Adelanto Detention Center, one of four prisons in Adelanto, Calif. Lawmakers are trying to add a fifth prison to the economically depressed town.

PHOTOS BY GINA FERRAZZI, LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS

Prison community

A small town with many jails debates whether it needs another

By KATE LINTHICUM
Los Angeles Times

ADELANTO, Calif. — The budget deficit and the detention centers are about the only things growing in this economically depressed High Desert city.

Amid the tumbleweeds on the edge of town, construction crews are adding 650 beds at a privately run detention facility for immigrants facing deportation. A few blocks away, San Bernardino County recently completed a \$145 million expansion of its jail. A third prison down the street started housing state inmates last year.

Now, with the city of Adelanto facing a \$2.6 million budget deficit, some officials want to add another jail, this one to house overflow inmates from Los Angeles County.

Supporters say the proposed 3,264-bed jail, which is being pushed by a pair of out-of-town developers, would bring in \$1.2 million in taxes annually. They call it the only option to help Adelanto avoid insolvency.

"I'm not a fan of prisons, and I'm not trying to generate a prison city," said Adelanto Mayor Cari Thomas. "But this will create thousands of jobs and revenue that we need."

But critics question the wisdom of expanding the city's incarceration industry at a time when the number of inmates is falling nationally and changes to state and federal laws could reduce demand for jail beds.

President Barack Obama's executive action to reduce deportations, which could lead to fewer immigrants in detention, and Proposition 47 — the voter-approved initiative that reduces penalties for drug possession and other nonviolent crimes — may eventually mean fewer people in California prisons and jails.

"Trying to build a new jail for that population makes absolutely no sense," said Victoria Mena, who started an inmate visitation program at the immigrant detention center, and who is leading a campaign against the new jail. She said the existing detention facilities in Adelanto have not

'It's not a good environment for our teens. There's no jobs here, no colleges. Just jails.'

Letty Guerrero

Adelanto, Calif., resident and mother of three



Detainees work out in the yard behind double fencing and barbed wire at the Adelanto Detention Center.

lived up to their promises of economic gains and have hurt the city more than helped it.

Adelanto City Councilman Jermaine Wright, who also opposes the project, said the city "needs a viable industry that has nothing to do with jailing people."

The City Council is scheduled to take up the development agreement for the new jail Wednesday. Under the deal, a financing authority created for the project would issue bonds to build the \$327 million facility in an industrial park in Adelanto, a speck of a city on a dusty stretch of U.S. 395, about 85 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

The developers, Doctor R. Crants, of Nashville, Tenn., and William Buck Johns,

of Newport Beach, Calif., want Los Angeles County to lease beds there for 20 years at \$88 per bed per day. The L.A. County Board of Supervisors has not approved the deal, although several board members have said they were open to exploring the proposal.

The county's jails have been chronically overcrowded, in part because of Gov. Jerry Brown's realignment strategy, which increased the number of low-level felons and parole violators in county facilities. The county regularly releases inmates early because of a lack of space.

L.A. County officials say they expect a dip in the jail population under Proposition 47, saying some of the 2,500 inmates con-

victed of Prop. 47 crimes might be eligible for a sentence downgrade. The immediate effect will probably not be empty jail beds but more space for other inmates to serve a longer portion of their sentences, said sheriff's Cmdr. Jody Sharp, a high-level administrator in the jail system.

Even with the new sentencing guidelines in place, Crants said he believes there will be a long-term demand in L.A. County for extra beds and said he expects Los Angeles officials to approve the deal once Adelanto agrees to build the jail.

But he acknowledged that the prison-building boom that began in the 1980s may soon level off. "The industry is approaching the crest of demand," said Crants, who co-founded Corrections Corp. of America, which today houses nearly 70,000 inmates in more than 60 facilities across the country. Crants left the firm in 2001.

Letty Guerrero, who is raising three sons in Adelanto, said she thinks the facilities have dissuaded other kinds of businesses from moving to the region and that the razor-wire fences and busloads of inmates passing through town are not a positive influence.

"It's not a good environment for our teens," she said. "There's no jobs here, no colleges. Just jails."

Incoming Adelanto Mayor Rich Kerr, who replaced Thomas on Wednesday, acknowledged that the city's major industry has created "the stigma that Adelanto is a prison city."

He opposed the jail plan while running in this month's election but now says he is open to considering it because of "the monetary benefit."

With 32,000 residents stretched over 57 square miles and only a handful of retail stores and restaurants, Adelanto's tax revenue falls far short of its spending.

After declaring a fiscal crisis last year, officials closed a fire station, laid off a fourth of the town's staff and asked residents to approve a nearly 8 percent utility users tax to stay afloat. Voters rejected that proposal Nov. 4.

Los Angeles Times staff writer Cindy Chang contributed to this report.

WORLD



CORNELIUS POPPE, NTB SCANPIX/AP

Malala Yousafzai, left, of Pakistan, and Kailash Satyarthi, of India, hold their Nobel Peace Prize diplomas and medals during the award ceremony in Oslo, Norway, on Wednesday.

Malala, Satyarthi receive the Nobel Peace Prize

By MARK LEWIS
The Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — Malala Yousafzai, of Pakistan, and Kailash Satyarthi, of India, on Wednesday received the Nobel Peace Prize for risking their lives to fight for children's rights.

The 17-year-old Malala, the youngest ever Nobel winner, and Satyarthi, 60, collected the award at a ceremony in the Norwegian capital to a standing ovation. Saying that all children have a right to childhood and education instead of forced labor, Nobel committee chairman Thorbjørn Jagland said "this world conscience can find no better expression" than through this year's winners.

In his speech to the gathering, Jagland related how Malala was shot by Taliban gunmen two years

ago and said Islamic extremist groups dislike knowledge because it is a condition for freedom.

"Attendance at school, especially by girls, deprives such forces from power," he said.

He mentioned Satyarthi's vision of ending child labor and how he abandoned a career as an electrical engineer in 1980 to fight for that vision.

By honoring this year's winners, the Norwegian Nobel Committee linked the peace award to conflicts between world religions and neighboring nuclear powers as well as drawing attention to children's rights.

The other awards — in medicine, physics, chemistry and literature — were set to be presented in Stockholm later Wednesday. The ceremonies are always held on Dec. 10, the anniversary of prize founder Alfred Nobel's death in 1896.

Hostage held by al-Qaida returns home

The Associated Press

VILLACOUBLAY, France — President Francois Hollande, welcoming a freed hostage home, urged French citizens not to travel to areas where they risk being kidnapped.

Serge Lazarevic, held captive for three years by al-Qaida's North Africa branch, arrived Wednesday at the Villacoublay airport outside Paris after being released in what some suspect was a prisoner exchange.

His release revived questions about whether governments should negotiate with hostage-

takers in hopes of saving captives' lives — and at the risk of encouraging terrorists to continue kidnapping.

Lazarevic repeatedly thanked Hollande and the government "for having done everything to free me" — but neither he nor the president detailed what led to the liberation.

The liberation came days after the release of two al-Qaida fighters imprisoned in Mali for Lazarevic's kidnapping, according to a security official in Mali.

Hollande expressed "extraordinary joy" at Lazarevic's return, then added: "I want to send a clear,

simple message to all our fellow citizens who can be in so-called zones at risk. Make sure not to go where you can get abducted!"

The French military is fighting extremists in Mali and the Mideast, and the Islamic State group and al-Qaida branches in North Africa and the Arabian Peninsula have identified France and French citizens as potential targets.

Lazarevic and another Frenchman, Philippe Verdon, were kidnapped from their hotel in northeastern Mali in November 2011. Verdon was found killed last year.

"The Israel government bares full responsibility for the killing of Minister Abu Ain and the systematic crimes committed against the Palestinian people," said Saeb Erekat, chief Palestinian peace negotiator and senior aide to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. "This new assassination will have severe consequences."

From The Associated Press

Palestinian official dies after Israeli troop clash

RAMALLAH, West Bank — A Palestinian Cabinet member died shortly after a West Bank protest Wednesday in which witnesses said Israeli troops fired tear gas at him and dozens of Palestinians marchers.

Witnesses also said the Cabi-

Hong Kong protest camp counts down last hours before cleanup begins

By KELVIN CHAN
The Associated Press

HONG KONG — Hong Kong student protest leaders vowed Wednesday to stay until the last minute and peacefully resist a police operation to clear them off a highway where they've been camped out for more than two months.

Dozens of activists and hundreds of tents remained on the normally busy thoroughfare outside the specially administered Chinese city's government headquarters less than a day before court workers assisted by police are scheduled to sweep them out.

Two student groups that have played key roles in organizing the protests called for supporters to join them at the site before midnight, when police were rumored to be planning to seal off the area. Authorities, however, have announced that they will move in at 9 a.m., and police denied there was any plan to seal off the area at midnight.

"We will still resist till the last moment," said Alex Chow, secretary general of the Hong Kong Federation of Students. He said the reason for staying until the end is "not simply for us be arrested, but to demonstrate our spirit" of civil disobedience.

Joshua Wong, the 18-year-old head of the Scholarism group and the movement's most prominent leader, urged supporters to stick to their nonviolent principles and not obstruct court workers or police.

"If the government wants to use police to clear the site, don't forget, the clearance can't resolve political conflicts, it can't resolve society's dilemma," he said.

Police said that after authori-

ties remove barricades and other obstructions from three sections of the protest site, they will start clearing the remaining parts of a blocked road in order to reopen the entire area to traffic. Anyone who refuses to leave the road will be arrested, they said at a news briefing.

While some protesters had already packed up their belongings on Wednesday, many promised it would not be the end of the pro-democracy movement, using large yellow banners or balloon letters stuck on a wall to declare, "We'll be back."

'We will still resist till the last moment.'

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Federation of
Students

for one final opportunity as a reminder of what's come to be known as the "Umbrella Movement," after the protesters' preferred method of deflecting police pepper spray.

The sprawling encampment in Hong Kong's Admiralty section, on the edge of the financial district, has become the symbolic nucleus of the protest movement, now in its 74th day.

On Sept. 28, thousands of protesters angry over the prolonged detention of key student leaders swarmed onto the road to confront police, who fired dozens of tear gas rounds in a bid to disperse them. That only soaked further public anger and kick-started the pro-democracy movement, which came to include two other protest sites in Hong Kong.



KIN CHEUNG/AP

Protesters pose on a barricade outside government headquarters in Hong Kong on Wednesday. Protesters vowed to stay until the last minute as authorities prepared to clear them out.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Teen charged after his teacher eats brownie

MD ANNAPOLIS — A Maryland teenager is in trouble after giving his teacher part of a pot brownie.

Anne Arundel County police said Tuesday that a teacher at Broadneck High School in Annapolis was taken to the school nurse's office after she began feeling ill and acting disoriented Monday afternoon. An ambulance was called soon after.

The teacher told police that a student had given her a brownie during third period and that she suspected it contained marijuana.

The student, a 17-year-old boy from Arnold, later told police he panicked when the teacher asked him for a piece of the brownie he was eating in class, and he gave it to her. The boy was charged with juvenile counts of administering a dangerous substance, assault and reckless endangerment.

Students stranded after bus batteries are stolen

GA STONE MOUNTAIN — Thieves have given students in metro Atlanta a new excuse for missing class: The battery was stolen from my school bus.

DeKalb County Schools police said a total of 90 batteries have been stolen from the school buses since October.

WSB-TV reported that some students at Stone Mountain Middle School were late or didn't make it to school at all after the latest theft was discovered.

Authorities said the motive for the thefts is a mystery, though batteries can be resold on the black market.

DeKalb County Schools public safety director Don Smith said a task force has been created to investigate.

Teacher quits over a student's Jesus, pot tale

NM RIO RANCHO — A New Mexico high school teacher is out of a job after a student rewrote the biblical story about Jesus handing out bread and fish to the poor to Jesus handing out marijuana to the sick.

KOAT-TV reported that former Cleveland High School creative writing teacher Katrina Guasac said she recently quit after the district put her on administrative leave.

The story was from an assignment to take a fairy tale or legend and rewrite it in modern times.

According to Guasac, a student got offended by the story and told her parents. Guasac said she felt targeted and harassed.

A Rio Rancho Schools spokeswoman said Guasac was not forced to resign because of the students' freedom of speech rights, but she chose to do so.

Sex trial sheds no light on missing girl's fate

AL BAY MINETTE — The trial of an Alabama woman accused of being part of



Blessing the barn

Above: A handler introduces Central Synagogue of New York Chief Rabbi Peter J. Rubenstein, right, to a llama and an alpaca during the 6th annual Blessing of the Animals at Christ Church of Manhattan in New York on Sunday. Farm animals, police canines, horses and hundreds of personal pets were among the animals blessed.

Left: Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York, pets Petunia the pig after blessing it during the annual event.

PHOTOS BY KATHY WILLEMS/AP

Man who faced death exonerated in slaying

OH CLEVELAND — An Ohio man walked out of a courthouse in total relief Tuesday morning after spending nearly 40 years of his life as a convicted felon for a murder that he, his brother and a friend did not commit.

A judge dismissed aggravated murder and robbery charges against Kwame Ajamu, who was convicted under the name Ronnie Bridgeman.

Ajamu, Wiley Bridgeman and Ricky Jackson were sentenced to death in 1975 for the slaying of a businessman. All three have been exonerated after prosecutors learned that the 13-year-old boy

who identified them as the killers recanted and said he was coerced by police.

Ajamu was freed from prison in 2003. An assistant prosecutor on Tuesday said prosecutor Tim McGinty has acknowledged what happened to the men was a "terrible injustice."

Toolbox falls on former mayor, causes his death

SD BRITTON — A former mayor and current city councilman in Britton died following a workplace accident.

Marshall County Sheriff Dale Elsen said Don Jones was working on a company vehicle at Full Circle Ag in Britton on Nov. 19 when a toolbox fell on him.

THE CENSUS

500

The number of families that have filed a second class-action

lawsuit over the handling of remains at a West Tennessee cemetery. Filed Tuesday, the lawsuit contends that Galilee Memorial Gardens at Bartlett, northeast of Memphis, stacked multiple caskets in single burial plots, crushed caskets to fit more of them into plots, misplaced remains and buried bodies on neighboring property. The plaintiffs seek unspecified compensatory and punitive damages.



The American News reported that Jones died Dec. 2 in a Sioux Falls hospital. He was 69. City offices closed for his funeral on Tuesday.

Teen placing coins on tracks crushed by train

LA LIVONIA — A Louisiana teenager playing a game with friends on train tracks was killed last weekend when some equipment threw him under one of the cars.

Law enforcement officials told The Advocate that Brandt Torres, 17, and three friends had been placing coins on train tracks to watch them be crushed early Sunday. Torres lay on the ground inches from the passing cars. A ladder hanging off one of the cars caught him, tossing him under the train.

Authorities said Torres nearly died two years earlier in a hunting accident when he stood up in the path of a fellow duck hunter. A sheriff's spokesman called his recovery "close to a miracle."

Snowfall contest's fine print gives city an edge

NY SYRACUSE — When it comes to the competition for the snowiest big city in upstate New York, location matters.

The Post-Standard of Syracuse reported that the rules of the Golden Snowball contest require snowfall measurements to be taken at the official National Weather Service station in each city. For Buffalo, that's the airport in suburban Cheektowaga.

While some areas just a few miles from the airport recorded 90 inches of snow the week of Nov. 17, the Buffalo airport has received about 21 inches so far.

Meanwhile, Syracuse officially has received 10 inches, but a storm expected to hit central New York this week was likely to dump up to a foot of snow on the region. Syracuse's weather station is also at the airport, just north of the city.

From wire reports

FACES



Katy Perry, spider-dog top popular online videos

The Associated Press

Katy Perry and a dog dressed like a spider are among 2014's top online video subjects.

Perry's "Dark Horse" reigned supreme on YouTube's top 10 most popular music videos, while a prank featuring a dog done up as a spider chasing unsuspecting pedestrians led the site's top 10 trending videos.

YouTube said Tuesday the top trending videos for 2014 were based on factors such as views, shares, comments and likes. Perry's "Dark Horse" has galloped away with more than 715 million views, and Polish prankster Sylwester Walega's spider-dog video has caught more than 13 million views.

Other top trending video subjects included soccer stars Cristiano Ronaldo and Neymar in a Nike commercial, a singing nun on the Italian edition of "The Voice," strangers kissing for the first time and the comic book characters Superman and Goku engaging in a fictional rap battle.

YouTube's top 10 trending videos of 2014:

1. "Mutant Giant Spider Dog," SA Walega.
2. "Winner Stays," Nike Football.
3. "FIRST KISS," by Tatia Pilieva.
4. "Suor Cristina Scudato," TheVoiceOf Italy.
5. "iPhone 6 Plus Bend Test," Unbox Therapy.
6. "Bars & Melody," Britain's Got Talent.
7. "Puppy Love," Budweiser.
8. "Devil Baby Attack," DevilsDueNYC.
9. "Goku vs. Superman," ERB.
10. "10 Hours of Walking in NYC as a Woman," Street HarassmentVideo.

YouTube's top 10 music videos of 2014:

1. "Dark Horse," Katy Perry featuring Juicy J.
2. "Bailando," Enrique Iglesias featuring Descemer Bueno and Gente De Zona.
3. "Can't Remember to Forget You," Shakira featuring Rihanna.
4. "La La La," Shakira featuring Carlos Brown.
5. "Wiggle," Jason Derulo featuring Snoo Doggy.
6. "Fancy," Iggy Azalea featuring Charli XCX.
7. "Chandelier," Sia.
8. "Shake It Off," Taylor Swift.
9. "All About That Bass," Meghan Trainor.
10. "Anaconda," Nicki Minaj.

Bright lights, big 'Downton'? Producer open to taking popular drama series to New York

By ALICIA RANCILIO
The Associated Press

Could the Crowley family of "Downton Abbey"—and their loyal servants—ever come to America?

Executive producer Gareth Neame says he'd like to see it happen. PBS hosted a Q&A with Neame and some of the cast

members Monday in New York where a portion of the season five premiere was screened.

An audience member noted that the Crowleys—the fictional aristocratic family that the show is centered on—have relatives in New York and asked whether "Downton Abbey" would ever go there on

location. Neame said it was a great idea, but would cost roughly \$10 million.

Shirley MacLaine and Paul Giamatti play the family's American relatives who have made cameos on the series.

"Downton Abbey," made by Britain's ITV network, returns Jan. 4 on PBS in the U.S.

Allen Leech, left, Tom Cullen and Michelle Dockery are part of the cast of "Downton Abbey."

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'Birdman' leads Screen Actors Guild nominations

From wire services

The dark show-business comedy "Birdman" topped the Screen Actors Guild Award nominations with four, including best ensemble cast, it was announced Wednesday morning.

Star Michael Keaton was recognized for his work, as well as supporting co-stars Emma Stone and Edward Norton.

Following with three nominations each were the coming-of-age tale and critics award favorite "Boyhood," the Alan Turing biopic "The Imitation Game," and the Stephen Hawking story "The Theory of Everything."

All were recognized for their ensemble casts and individual performances. Patricia Arquette and Ethan Hawke earned nods for "Boyhood"; Felicity Jones and Eddie Redmayne for "The Theory of Everything"; and Benedict Cumberbatch and Keira Knight-

ley for "The Imitation Game." Two nominations for actors Steve Carell and Mark Ruffalo.

The SAG Awards will be presented Jan. 25.

'Selma' leads NAACP Image Awards noms

"Selma" dominated the nominations for the 46th NAACP Image Awards on Tuesday morning, earning eight nods in five categories: film; director for Ava DuVernay; actor for David Oyelowo; supporting actress for both Carmen Ejogo and Oprah Winfrey; and supporting actor for Andre Holland, Common and Wendell Pierce. Vying for best film along with "Selma" are "Belle," "Beyond the Lights," "Dear White People" and "Get on Up."

The awards, which celebrate the accomplishments of people

of color, also announced nominees in TV, music and literature categories.

On the television front, "black-ish" and "How to Get Away With Murder" each earned seven nominations, followed by "Orange Is the New Black," "Scandal" and "The Trip to Bountiful" with six apiece.

The NAACP Image Awards are scheduled to air Feb. 6

Other news

■ This year's breakthrough new singer, Sam Smith, went from an artist to watch to MTV's Best Artist of 2014 and beat out megastars like Beyonce and Taylor Swift. But Smith couldn't beat Iggy Azalea's catchy hit song "Fancy," which topped the list for MTV's Best Songs of 2014. MTV's Best Movie of 2014 was "The LEGO Movie." The lists are selected by MTV executives

based on influence and pop culture impact.

■ **Joan Rivers** left her daughter in charge of her fortune and left money for some of her favorite charities, including Guide Dogs for the Blind, Jewish Guild Healthcare and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. According to Rivers' 2014 will, which was filed in New York State Surrogate's Court, the late comedienne made Melissa Rivers her will's executor over a fortune that has been estimated as high as \$150 million. Rivers died Sept. 4.

■ A section from **Lena Dunham's** "Not That Kind of Girl" that recounts an alleged assault while she was in college is being changed to make clear that the assailant's name is a pseudonym. Random House announced Tuesday that the digital edition and future print editions of Dunham's best-selling memoir will include the clarification.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Airlines expect leap in profits as oil price drops

The Associated Press

GENEVA — The global airline industry expects its profits to leap to a record high next year, boosted by a continued fall in jet fuel prices as well as strong passenger demand and cost cuts.

The International Air Transport Association said Wednesday it forecasts 2015 will bring \$25 billion in net profit — well above the \$19.9 billion this year and the \$10.6 billion in 2013 and \$6.1 billion in 2012.

That is based on a forecast that the price of oil will average \$85 per barrel. On Wednesday, the

U.S. contract was trading below \$63 a barrel.

The Geneva-based group, which represents 240 airlines, or 84 percent of total air traffic, said profit margins on expected revenues of \$783 billion are due to remain tight — only 3.2 percent, a light increase from 3.1 percent in 2010.

Tony Tyler, director-general and CEO of the IATA, said the profit would amount to a little more than \$7 per passenger per flight — well below other industries.

He noted Starbucks, for example, has a declared profit margin of about 14 percent.



Southwest Airlines ground crewman work at Love Field in Dallas. Falling jet fuel prices are expected to boost airline profits.

"If that is the case, they will remain as much from selling seven cups of coffee as an airline will make selling an average ticket," Tyler said.

Passenger traffic has been expanding by about 5.5 percent per year for the past two decades but the IATA said it is expected to grow by 7 percent in 2015. Cargo traffic also is expected to rise by 4.5 percent, slightly ahead of recent demand despite weak markets and increasing competition.

MARKET WATCH

Dec. 9, 2014

Dow Jones	-51.28
industrials	17,801.20
Nasdaq	25.78
composite	4,766.47
Standard & Poor's 500	-0.49
Russell 2000	20.85
	1,188.06

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Dec. 11)	\$1.2716
Dollar buys (Dec. 11)	€0.7864
British pound (Dec. 11)	\$1.61
Japanese yen (Dec. 11)	¥117.00
South Korean won (Dec. 11)	₩1,079.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.5689
Canada (Dollar)	1.1468
China (Yuan)	6.1780
Denmark (Krone)	6.9935
Egypt (Pound)	7.1515
Euro	\$1.2413/0.8056
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7512
Hungary (Forint)	247.42
Israel (Shekel)	3.9294
Japan (Yen)	118.77
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2917
Norway (Krone)	1.1765
Philippines (Peso)	44.61
Poland (Zloty)	3.36
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7525
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3120
South Korea (Won)	1,104.80
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9690
Thailand (Baht)	52.80
Turkey (Lira)	2.2608

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INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.25
Federal funds market rate	0.12
3-month bill	0.63
30-year bond	2.90

WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Base, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Thursday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Texas	65	52	Cldy	Chatanooga	47	29	Clr	Fort Wayne	38	27	PCldy	Louisville	42	29	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	34	27	Cldy	Cheyenne	57	32	Clr	Fresno	68	49	Cldy	Lubbock	62	44	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	40	21	Snow	Chicago	38	27	PCldy	Goodland	59	31	Clr	Macon	55	29	Clr
Albuquerque	59	37	PCldy	Cincinnati	37	27	PCldy	Grand Junction	59	31	PCldy	Madison	55	29	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	39	25	Cldy	Cleveland	36	29	Cldy	Grand Rapids	37	28	PCldy	Medford	53	40	Rain
Amarillo	61	40	PCldy	Colorado Springs	61	34	Clr	Great Falls	49	29	Cldy	Memphis	48	38	Cldy
Anchorage	59	19	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	53	28	Clr	Green Bay	31	21	PCldy	Miami Beach	68	52	Cldy
Asheville	63	24	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	55	32	Clr	Greensboro, N.C.	49	29	PCldy	Midland-Odessa	64	48	PCldy
Atlanta	49	32	Clr	Dallas-Ft. Worth	61	53	Cldy	Hartford	36	28	Cldy	Milwaukee	37	27	PCldy
Atlantic City	41	31	Cldy	Concord, N.H.	35	26	Cldy	Hawaii Spfld	36	28	Snow	Mpls-St Paul	35	27	Cldy
Austin	63	55	Cldy	Corpus Christi	73	60	Cldy	Helena	46	28	Cldy	Missoula	38	29	Cldy
Baltimore	40	29	Cldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	61	53	Cldy	Honolulu	81	70	Cldy	Mobile	59	37	PCldy
Baton Rouge	62	38	PCldy	Dayton	36	26	PCldy	Houston	65	53	Cldy	Montgomery	54	31	Clr
Bilings	55	36	PCldy	Daytona Beach	63	41	Clr	Huntsville	48	29	Cldy	Nashville	45	27	Cldy
Birmingham	50	30	Clr	Denver	60	33	Clr	Indianapolis	39	27	Cldy	New Orleans	62	43	PCldy
Bismarck	41	25	Cldy	Des Moines	42	33	Cldy	Jacksonville	59	34	PCldy	New York City	38	31	Cldy
Boise	55	38	Cldy	Detroit	37	28	PCldy	Jacksonville	59	34	PCldy	Newark	38	31	Cldy
Boston	36	31	Cldy	Duluth	31	26	Cldy	Juneau	40	32	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	46	32	Cldy
Bridgeport	36	31	Cldy	El Paso	68	45	Clr	Kansas City	45	38	Rain	North Platte	59	24	PCldy
Brownsville	74	63	Cldy	Elkins	33	23	Cldy	Key West	69	59	PCldy	Oklahoma City	50	48	Cldy
Buffalo	28	26	Snow	Erie	34	31	Snow	Knoxville	43	26	Cldy	Omaha	45	33	Cldy
Burlington	36	28	Snow	Evansville	52	40	Rain	Lake Charles	62	46	Cldy	Orlando	65	43	Cldy
Caribou, Maine	37	34	Rain	Fairbanks	2	-4	Clr	Lansing	35	27	PCldy	Paducah	43	31	PCldy
Casper	59	35	Clr	Fargo	38	27	PCldy	Las Vegas	68	51	Cldy	Pendleton	59	44	Rain
Charleston, S.C.	57	33	Cldy	Flagstaff	53	31	Cldy	Lexington	39	27	Cldy	Philadelphia	41	30	Cldy
Charleston, W. Va.	37	27	Cldy	Flint	36	28	PCldy	Little Rock	50	39	Cldy	Phoenix	77	56	Cldy
Charlotte, N.C.	50	28	Clr	Fort Smith	53	43	Cldy	Los Angeles	68	56	Cldy	Pittsburgh	34	27	Cldy

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OPINION

Terrorists' allure for French youths hearkens to Nazis' tactics in WWII

By ROBERT ZARETSKY

The Islamic State video showing the execution of 18 captured Syrian soldiers along with American aid worker Peter Kassig shocked the world for the usual reasons and one more as well: The militants did not wear masks. Two who appeared in the video, Michael Dos Santos and Maxime Hauchard, are French citizens, and their masking allowed the French to put faces to two of the more than 1,000 of their countrymen estimated to have given themselves to Islamic State and its terrifying worldview.

These particular faces have blurred the typical profile of a French Islamic militant: young men of a particular socioeconomic and psychological stamp, offspring of North African immigrants, no longer part of their parents' world and not yet part of their new world. Raised in France's broken and blasted suburbs, herded into dilapidated schools and handed worthless diplomas, susceptible to the lure of the French because of their names and skin color, they may be drawn to a movement that promises them not just community, but also purpose.

Now the case is more complex. Dos Santos and Hauchard hail from relatively stable, bourgeois and, crucially, non-Muslim backgrounds. They were well liked in their communities and, through websites and chat rooms, had only recently converted to Islam. As David Thomson, a French radio journalist who has closely followed the evolution of French militants, concluded, these recruits "were perfectly integrated in their everyday lives before their departure" for Syria and Iraq.

Families and friends were baffled. As the stunned mayor of Rosier-Engen-Roumois, the village where Hauchard grew up, declared, "He was never a rebel." Yet French historians will experience a certain déjà vu. Seventy years ago, Nazi Germany created the notorious 33 Waffen Grenadier Division der SS Charlemagne. Commanded by German generals, this SS military division, familiarly known as the

Charlemagne, was formed by some 8,000 French volunteers. The recruits were trained in Germany and fought on the Eastern Front alongside German soldiers as they slowly retreated against the inexorable advance of the Russian army.

The geographical distance between the ruins of Berlin, where remnants of the Charlemagne made their last stand, and the deserts of Iraq, where French recruits to Islamic State now sow terror, is vast. But the ideological and psychological distances are far shorter. The volunteers, then as now, were uniformly young and, as a result, impressionable and restless. In both cases, they represent a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds: poor and working class and bourgeois and well-educated.

Indeed, being a product of France's republican schools was not proof then or now against the allure of these movements. First, the military successes of the German army captured the imagination of young men, according to Philippe Carrard's monograph, "The French Who Fought For Hitler." As one Charlemagne veteran said, "Germany was triumphant! Wherever their armies went, they were victorious." The lightning victories of Islamic State in northern Syria and Iraq may have had a similar effect on French recruits, who might latch onto the seemingly ineluctable rise of this movement.

Second, Islamic State recruitment videos share certain graphic elements found in German propaganda splashed across occupied France. The latter framed uniformed young men of steely resolve and Aryan features, embodying a masculine ideal that transcended national borders. In videos, the militants' combat uniforms, topped by beards, offer their chosen audience another compelling masculine ideal.

Moreover, the motivations at play in 2014 surely reflect those that won the hearts and minds of young Frenchmen in 1944. Perhaps a thirst for adventure and power, as well as darker and nihilistic impulses. And something more: a Manichean worldview, totalitarian and exterminatory,

whose simplicity can seize the vulnerable imaginations of those eager to join a world-magining force. Whether it is the establishment of a new Sunni Muslim caliphate or new European order, the millennial promise remains the same.

Charlemagne's members found reassurance in the crusader they chose was disdained by most of those they left behind, another sign of true believers. Likewise, one French Islamic State recruitment video warns, "It will be said that you have been indoctrinated and you will be scorned."

The Charlemagne combatants saw themselves as crusaders against communism, as one Charlemagne volunteer wrote to his family: "I am leaving for Russia to fight the enemy of all civilizations: Bolshevism." Were we to replace "Russia" with "Syria," and "Bolshevism" with "liberalism," we might well find ourselves face to face with Hauchard.

Drawing these parallels between France's past and present is more than a simple parlor game. It offers lessons that are both sobering and comforting. From one generation to the next, there will always be those susceptible to the siren call of millennial movements that offer a heightened sense of purpose, along with the weapons and language to pursue it. And just as historians rightly underscore the extremely small percentage of Frenchmen who joined the Charlemagne ranks, future historians will no doubt do the same in regard to the French contingent in Islamic State.

Finally, the parallels should remind France, whose large Muslim community already and unfairly serves as a lightning rod for many discontents and disappointments, that Islam is no more responsible for the bloody-minded Islamic State recruits than anti-communism was for those who flocked to the colors of the Charlemagne Division 70 years ago.

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Other costs emerge when gas prices drop

San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News editorial

When gas prices soar, Americans wall. Inevitably Congress launches an "investigation and disavows — over and over again — that by and large prices are the result of market conditions and taxes.

But when prices drop sharply at the pump, as they have lately, consumers cheer, use more gas and have no interest in finding out the reasons. Let's take a look anyway. Maybe it'll save some "investigating" next time the pendulum swings.

First, this is not an American phenomenon. Oil prices are diving all over the world, and the reason is, as usual, global.

West Texas Intermediate crude, a benchmark for American markets, is \$68 a barrel, about 37 percent below the price last June. Brent crude, often watched on the world markets, is hovering around \$70. It was \$115 just in July. Good for consumers, bad for producers. And much as we would like to herald an alternative energy takeover, the world economy still hinges on the price of oil.

When prices are high, producing nations like Iran, Russia, Venezuela and Saudi Arabia rake in the money. However, when crude prices drop, those nations must retrench. Today's plunging price of crude has



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Lydia Holland fills up at a gas station in Sacramento, Calif., last month.

done far more to damage the economies of Russia and Iran than all the western economic sanctions combined. Venezuela also is in economic crisis.

Here's where it gets complicated. One reason for the price drop has been a dramatic increase in production in the United States' shale oil drilling, often known as fracking. It's far more expensive than regular extraction, but it has grown to 4 million barrels a day, nearly half of U.S. production, increasing the world supply

and lowering prices.

Ironically, the same shale oil drillers responsible for the supply spike are getting hit hardest by the falling prices. (Are you still with us? That is why the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, made up primarily of Middle East nations, recently decided not to decrease its production, even though its members are suffering from low prices. They are willing to accept the short-term pain because they hope low prices will drive the U.S. shale oil producers out of the market. If that happens, prices will soar again.)

Higher prices are likely next year anyway; even wealthy nations don't like to sacrifice profits for long. And Californians are likely to see increases because starting in January, the state's cap and trade law to reduce greenhouse gas emissions will apply to oil and gas products. This is not a tax, as the industry is claiming, but until producers reduce emissions, they will have to buy credits to keep polluting. They are likely to pass along some or all of the cost at the pump, depending again on the world market.

On the bright side, maybe we've saved taxpayers the cost of another duplicative investigation to figure out why prices will be going up.

OPINION

This public accounting was not optional

By DAVID IGNATIUS

WASHINGTON

A CIA medical officer who was assigned to monitor the interrogation of an al-Qaida operative named Abu Zubaydah sent a message to his superiors on Aug. 4, 2002, the day the CIA first used the technique known as "waterboarding." He haughtily titled his cable: "So it begins."

"Longest time with the cloth over his face so far has been 17 seconds. This is sure to increase shortly. NO useful information so far. ... I'm head[ing] back for another water board session."

And so dawned a nightmare era in which a CIA with little expertise in interrogation worked desperately to gather information that might protect a nation severely traumatized by the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Zubaydah "cried," "begged," "pleaded" and "whimpered," but the waterboarding continued and the interrogation progressed. An Aug. 8, 2002, cable noted: "Several on the team profoundly affected ... some to the point of tears and choking up."

What started that day at a secret prison in Asia came full circle Tuesday with a public accounting by the Senate Intelligence Committee. Reading the report, you feel a measure of the remorse experienced by those onlookers 12 years ago. While the report's tone struck me as overly prosecutorial, I have no question that the committee was right to disclose it.

This is a political document, not a dispassionate history, but that's part of its value: There simply is no way for a democracy to get past a trauma like the interrogation issue without an honest public accounting. It's a strange healing process, ripping off the scab, exposing our wounds; perhaps it's like the self-flagellation of the early saints.

The best illustration that confronting past evil leads to a kind of national redemption is Germany. Don't misunderstand: The CIA's interrogation practices aren't remotely comparable to the crimes of Nazi Germany. But the Germans insisted on facing their unconscionable history, admitting their guilt over and over, preserving the humiliation of their defeat in 1945 even on the walls of their parliament.

Writing recently in *The New Yorker*, George Packer likened the healing process to psychoanalysis: "Germany has brought its past to the surface, endlessly discussed it, and accepted it, and this work of many years has freed the patient to lead a successful new life."

The Senate report describes a CIA that rushed recklessly into the interrogation abuses. But what struck me was how unprepared the agency was for handling captured al-Qaida suspects.

Most CIA officers were gentleman spies who would echo the demurrals of John L. Mond Hart when asked in 1978 about the harsh interrogation of KGB defector Yuri Nosenko: "It has never fallen to my lot to be involved with any experience as unpleasant. ... To me it is an abomination."

The agency, fearing a "second wave" of al-Qaida attacks, turned in 2002 to two psychologists who claimed to be experts in interrogation. Based on their experience training American pilots to resist harsh interrogation, these consultants devised a list of 12 techniques to break the will of al-Qaida detainees. In addition to waterboarding, they suggested "use of insects" and "mock burial," which apparently were rejected. Their company was paid a grotesque \$80 million for its services.

The Senate report overreaches in its claim that torture was "not an effective means of acquiring intelligence." Would that we could be so sure. It's wiser to be ag-



nostic about effectiveness, but clear about ethics. We can't know whether information gained from harsh interrogation helped provide essential leads that allowed the targeting of Osama bin Laden. That's why banning torture is a moral choice: Because in doing so, we may indeed lose useful information. That's the risk we take in doing the right thing.

What's least convincing about the report is its picture of an agency that maliciously deceived the rest of the government. This revives the notion of the CIA as a "rogue elephant" that was propounded by the Frank Church Committee in the 1970s but has been rebutted by many historians. The real story of intelligence abuses in the

1950s and '60s is that they were ordered by presidents or their henchmen, who didn't want to know the dirty details.

This ambiguity comes through in an Aug. 2, 2002, memo from Condoleezza Rice, then national security adviser, was told the Justice Department had approved waterboarding and the other techniques we now describe as torture: "Dr. Rice had been informed that there would be no briefing of the president on this matter," but that the [CIA director] had policy approval to employ the CIA's enhanced interrogation techniques."

And so it began.

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Report distorts CIA success foiling terrorist plots

By JOHN McLAUGHLIN

The most incredible and false claim in the Senate Intelligence Committee's report on the CIA interrogation program is that the program was neither necessary nor effective in the agency's post-9/11 pursuit of al-Qaida. The report, written by the committee's Democratic majority and disputed by the Republican minority and the CIA, uses information selectively and distorts facts to "prove" its point.

I won't try to convince you that the program was the right thing to do. Reasonable people will differ. Nor will I discuss the management of the program, other than to say that the record clearly shows the agency went to extraordinary lengths to assure it was both legal and approved — and the CIA halted the program when uncertain. What I want to address instead is the committee's assertion that the intelligence produced by the interrogation program was not required to stop al-Qaida terrorists.

The Democratic staffers who drafted the report assert the program contributed nothing important, apparently to bolster a bogus claim that the CIA lied. But let's look at the cases.

■ **Finding Osama bin Laden.** The committee says the most critical information was acquired outside the interrogation program.

Not true. The man who led the United States to bin Laden, a courier known as Abu Ahmed al-Kuwaiti, was mentioned by earlier sources but only as one of many associ-

ates bin Laden had years before. Detainees in the CIA interrogation program pushed al-Kuwaiti to the top of the list and caused the agency to focus tightly on him. The most specific information about the courier came from a detainee, Hassan Ghul, who, after interrogation, strengthened the case by telling of a specific message the courier had delivered for bin Laden to operations chief Abu Faraj al-Libi. Finally, interrogated senior operatives such as Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who by that time was enormously cooperative, lied when confronted with what we had learned about the courier. That was a dramatic tip-off that he was trying to protect bin Laden.

The staffers who prepared the Senate draft do not appear to understand the role in analysis of accumulating detail, corroboration and levels of confidence in making momentous decisions like the May 2011 Abbottabad, Pakistan, operation that killed bin Laden.

Familiarity with this truth is presumably why former CIA Director Leon Panetta, even though he does not support the program, said, "At bottom, we know we got important, even critical, intelligence from it."

■ **Capturing 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.** The lead to disrupting numerous plots. But the committee says interrogation of detainees did not play a role in getting him because a CIA asset (not a terrorist detainee) helped us. This is astounding to those of us involved in capture operations. In fact, interrogated detainees were essential to connecting the source to

Mohammed. The CIA will not permit me to reveal the operational details — a classic problem for intelligence officers seeking to defend against outlandish charges.

■ **Capturing Southeast Asian terrorist leader Riduan Isamuddin ("Hambali").** The committee says interrogation played no role in bringing down this architect of the 2002 Bali, Indonesia, bombings. This is nonsense. After interrogation, Mohammed told us he transferred money to Hambali via a certain individual to finance attacks in Asia. This triggered a string of captures across two continents that led us to Hambali in Southeast Asia.

■ **Disrupting a "second wave" plot on the U.S. West Coast.** The committee says a source run by another country mentioned a plot to use airplanes to strike West Coast targets. But that's all we knew — none of the details necessary to stop it.

That information came from detainees, starting with Mohammed, who told us after interrogation that Hambali would replace him in this plot. This drove our effort to find Hambali. After that capture, Mohammed said Hambali's brother would take over. We located him and found he had recruited 17 Southeast Asians and was apparently trying to arrange flight training for them to attack the West Coast.

■ **Disrupting plots to bomb Karachi, Pakistan, hotels.** The committee says interrogation played no role in heading off attacks on the Pakistani hotels, where U.S. and other Western visitors stayed. But it leaked out 17 Southeast Asians and was Abidin Muhammed Hussein, better known

as Abu Zubaydah, provided information on how to locate al-Qaida "safe houses" in Karachi. One of these provided us a letter that tipped us to the plots. That is how those famous "dots" really get connected.

To drive home their points, the committee frequently cherry-picks documents. It describes officers expressing concern via email that they will be "ostracized" for saying that certain detainees "did not tell us everything." But the staff leaves out the critical context: The CIA officers were actually discussing in political corridors the agency's decision to cease the interrogation program, causing the loss of important intelligence information.

Many administration and congressional officials ritualistically say we will never know whether we could have gotten important information another way. This is a dodge wrapped in political correctness. We could say that about all intelligence successes. We'll never know, for example, what intelligence is missed when capture is declared too difficult and terrorists are killed from the air.

The point is we did succeed in getting vital information — during a national emergency when time was limited by the great urgency of a clock ticking on the next plot.

Terrorists had just killed thousands of Americans, and we felt a deep responsibility for ensuring they could not do it again. We succeeded.

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NHL

Roundup

Chicago stretches streak to 7 games

The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — New Jersey Devils rookie Keith Kinkaid has never been a fan of the shootout, and that was long before he faced Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane in his first NHL start.

Toews and Kane scored on the Blackhawks' first two chances, and Chicago rallied late and earned its seventh straight victory, 3-2 over the Devils on Tuesday night.

"They are top guys in the NHL," Kinkaid said after his outstanding 37-save performance ended in a loss. "Obviously I was a little too far out on the Toews one, I wanted to get the leg out, and then Kane has a great set of hands. You never know what he is going to do."

Chicago had to work to get the best of the 25-year old Kinkaid, who was called up from Albany earlier Tuesday with the Devils playing the second game of a back-to-back set.

New Jersey had the better of play for almost the first 25 minutes before the Blackhawks started showing why they are one of the NHL's top teams.

"Early on, he was playing pretty well," Toews said of Kinkaid. "We threw some shots at him and I think, if anything, we built his confidence up a little bit throughout the game. Nowadays, even backups are strong, and you have to make their job as tough as you can."

Bryan Bickell and Duncan Keith had goals in regulation for Chicago, whose winning streak matches the NHL high for this season. Scott Darling made 22 saves, including two stops in the shootout.

Jordin Tootoo and Stephen Gionta scored for New Jersey. Steve Bernier added two assists for the Devils, who were trying for back to back wins for the first time in almost a month.

Darling made a glove save on Martin Havlat to start the shootout, and Toews easily beat

Kinkaid with a backhand. After Darling made a pad save on Jaromir Jagr, Kane skated in on Kinkaid, danced in front of him, and slid the puck into the net for the Blackhawks' fourth win in four shootouts.

"You want to get the win for the team, so it's a little tough," Kinkaid said.

Blue Jackets 3, Flyers 2 (OT): Kevin Connauton scored his first goal of the season at 1:58 of overtime to lift host Columbus past Philadelphia for its fourth straight win.

Wild 5, Islanders 4: Nino Niederreiter tapped in the go-ahead goal with 4:33 left and capped a furious comeback by host Minnesota in a win over New York.

Sabres 1, Kings 0: Tyler Ennis' third-period, power-play goal lifted host Buffalo to a win over Los Angeles.

Capitals 5, Lightning 3: Braden Holtby made 33 saves, Alex Ovechkin scored twice to break out of a four-game drought, and visiting Washington beat Tampa Bay to complete a perfect three-game road trip.

Jets 5, Stars 2: Winnipeg rookie Adam Lowry scored twice in the second period to lead visiting Winnipeg over Dallas.

Maple Leafs 4, Flames 1: Jonathan Bernier stopped 32 shots, James van Riemsdyk scored the winning goal early in the second period, and host Toronto topped Calgary.

Canadians 3, Canucks 1: Tomas Plekanec scored the go-ahead goal late in the third period to lead host Montreal over Vancouver.

Predators 3, Avalanche 0: Filip Forsberg scored 2:23 in and added a late assist, and Pekka Rinne earned his third shutout of the season as visiting Nashville blanked Colorado.

Sharks 5, Oilers 2: Joe Pavelski scored two goals, and host San Jose bounced back from a loss at Edmonton to win the back end of the home-and-home set.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Detroit	28	17	6	5	39	88/70
Tampa Bay	29	18	8	3	39	101/71
Montreal	29	18	9	2	38	90/73
Toronto	27	15	9	3	33	83/80
Boston	28	15	12	1	31	72/72
Florida	26	11	8	7	29	58/68
Ottawa	27	11	11	5	27	70/74
Buffalo	28	10	13	5	25	66/74
Metropolitan Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Pittsburgh	27	18	6	3	39	86/64
N.Y. Islanders	28	19	9	0	38	90/79
Washington	27	13	10	4	30	79/74
N.Y. Rangers	26	12	10	4	28	77/76
New Jersey	29	11	13	5	27	68/83
Philadelphia	27	11	13	3	23	70/85
Columbus	27	10	15	2	22	64/90
Carolina	27	8	16	3	19	59/76

Western Conference

Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Chicago	28	19	8	1	39	88/52
Nashville	27	18	7	2	38	73/54
St. Louis	28	18	8	2	38	80/65
Winnipeg	29	15	9	5	35	69/66
Minnesota	26	15	10	1	31	76/65
Dallas	28	10	13	5	25	81/100
Colorado	27	8	13	6	24	72/92
Pacific Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Anaheim	29	18	6	5	41	85/75
Vancouver	27	18	9	2	38	88/81
Calgary	29	17	10	2	36	90/76
San Jose	30	15	11	4	34	86/81
Los Angeles	28	14	9	5	33	72/60
Arizona	28	10	15	3	23	66/90
San Jose	27	9	16	2	19	52/80

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Monday's games
N.Y. Rangers 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT
New Jersey 2, Carolina 1
St. Louis 4, Florida 2

Tuesday's games
Chicago 3, New Jersey 2, SO
Columbus 3, Philadelphia 2, OT
Buffalo 1, Los Angeles 0
Toronto 4, Calgary 1

Wednesday's games
Chicago at Detroit
Edmonton at Anaheim

Thursday's games
Chicago at Boston
Calgary at Buffalo
New Jersey at Philadelphia
Columbus at Washington
Los Angeles at Tampa Bay
Carolina at Tampa Bay
N.Y. Islanders at St. Louis
Winnipeg at Colorado
Nashville at Arizona
Minnesota at San Jose

Friday
Wild 5, Islanders 4

Saturday
N.Y. Islanders 3, Canucks 1
Minnesota 3, Oilers 2

Sunday
First Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Grabner (Lee, Reinhart), 8:31, 2, N.Y. Islanders, Nelson (3, Leddy, Tavares), 17:15 (pp), 3, N.Y. Islanders, Martin (Hickey, Visnovsky), 17:47
Second Period—4, Minnesota, Pomilnyuk (Guter, Grabovski), 9:01 (pp), 5, N.Y. Islanders, Bailey (Grabovski, de Haan), 17:11
Third Period—6, Minnesota, Kolvi (Zucker), 2:51, 7, Minnesota, Haula (3, Nelson), 11:03, 8, Minnesota, Vanek (3, Parise, Suter), 11:48, 9, Minnesota, Niederreiter (2, Vanek, Suter), 12:47
Shots on Goal—N.Y. Islanders 11-17-19, Minnesota 3-12-15-30
Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Islanders 1-5, Minnesota 1-5
Goals—N.Y. Islanders, Johnson 5-4-0 (30 shots-25 saves), Minnesota, Backstrom 4-2-1 (19 shots-12 saves)
A-18,904 (17,954), T-2:36

Capitals 5, Lightning 3

Washington 2 1 2-5
Tampa Bay 1 1 1-3
First Period—1, Washington, Ovechkin (3, Wilson, Carlson), 3:40, 2, Tampa Bay, Ovechkin (Hedman, Brown), 13:49, 3, Washington, Niskanen (2, Backstrom, Johansson), 14:22 (pp), 4, Tampa Bay, Stamkos (17, Callahan, Hedman), 47, 5, Washington, Luch (Ward), 4:36
Second Period— Tampa Bay, Stamkos (17, Callahan, Hedman), 47, 5, Washington, Luch (Ward), 4:36
Third Period—6, Washington, Browner (7, Johnson, Niskanen), 5:07, 7, Tampa Bay, Filppula (5, Johnson, Hedman), 19:56, 8, Washington, Ovechkin (14, Backstrom), 19:59 (en)
Shots on Goal— Washington 14-14-14, Tampa Bay 10-10-10
Power-play opportunities— Washington 1 of 2, Tampa Bay 0 of 3
Goals— Washington, Holtby 11-7-3 (36 shots 33 saves), Tampa Bay, Bishop 16-5-2 (34-30), T-2:28
A-17,109 (19,204), T-2:28

Predators 3, Avalanche 0

Nashville 1 0 2-3
Colorado 0 0 0-0
First Period—1, Nashville, Forsberg (2, Bourque, Jones), 2:23
Second Period—2, Nashville, Bourque (Ribeiro), 15:10 (en), Nashville, Neal (0, Ribeiro, Forsberg), 18:02 (en)
Shots on Goal— Nashville 11-10-15-36, Colorado 8-10-16
Power-play opportunities— Nashville 0 of 6, Colorado 0 of 2
Goals— Nashville, Rinne 18-5-1 (26 shots-25 saves), Colorado, Rickard 3-0-0 (34-33)
A-12,689 (18,007), T-2:23

Blackhawks 3, Devils 2 (SO)

Chicago 0 1 1-0-3
New Jersey 2 0 0-0-2
Chicago won shootout 2-0
First Period—1, New Jersey, Tootoo (Bernier), 15:11
Second Period—2, Chicago, Bickell (4, Bernier, Severson), 2:31, 4, Chicago, Keith (6, Hosoya, Toews), 16:47
Shootout— Chicago, Toews (G, Kane), 1:01, New Jersey (Havlat, N.J. Jagr), G, Kane
Shots on Goal— Chicago 9-17-8-39, New Jersey 10-7-6-31-24
Power-play opportunities— Chicago 0 of 2, New Jersey 0 of 1
Goals— Chicago, Darling (4, 0-4) (24 shots-22 saves), New Jersey, Kinkaid 0-1-1 (29-27)
A-16,210 (17,625), T-2:29

Blue Jackets 3, Flyers 2 (OT)

Philadelphia 1 0 1-0-2
Columbus 1 0 1-0-3
First Period—1, Columbus, Jenner (5, Dubinsky, Wisniewski), 12:34 (pp), 2, Philadelphia, B-Schem (8, Gionta, Street), 17:53 (pp)
Second Period—3, Columbus, Hartnell (6, Foligno, Johnson), 10:39 (pp)
Third Period—4, Philadelphia, B-Schem (9, Voracek, Couturier), 19:04
Overtime—5, Columbus, Connauton (1, Johnson), 1:58
Shots on Goal— Philadelphia 5-6-8-2-21, Columbus 9-8-5-2-24
Power-play opportunities— Philadelphia 1 of 4, Columbus 2 of 4
Goals— Philadelphia, Mason 5-0-4 (24 shots-21 saves), Columbus, Bobrovsky 9-8-1 (22-22), 18, Columbus, T-2:29
A-14,196 (18,144), T-2:29

Sabres 1, Kings 0

Los Angeles 0 0 0-0-0
Buffalo 0 0 1-1
First Period—1, Buffalo, Ennis (8, Moulson, Stortini), 4:00 (pp), 2, Buffalo, Stortini (8, Moulson, Stortini), 12:14-34
Shots on Goal— Los Angeles 8-12-14-34, Buffalo 10-10-10
Power-play opportunities— Los Angeles 1 of 2, Buffalo 0 of 1
Goals— Los Angeles, Quinitt 11-7-14 (16 shots-15 saves), Buffalo, Ennis 17-10-1 (34-34), T-2:25
A-18,438 (19,070), T-2:25

Jets 5, Stars 2

Winnipeg 2 3 0-5
Dallas 1 0 0-2
First Period—1, Winnipeg, Perreault (4, Little, Byfuglien), 5:23 (pp), 2, Dallas, Soupy (3, Groll, Chiarot), 7:22, 5, Winnipeg, Wheeler (9, Ladd, Byfuglien), 14:01
Second Period—4, Dallas, Rousell (6, JoBenn, Perreault), 3:28, 5, Winnipeg, Louie (3, Groll, Chiarot), 7:22, 6, Winnipeg, Lowry (4, Pardy, Haischuk), 9:41, 7, Winnipeg, Froese (6, Wheeler, Stuart), 19:20 (en)
Shots on Goal— Winnipeg 12-11-32, Dallas 12-14-28
Power-play opportunities— Winnipeg 1 of 1, Dallas 0 of 1
Goals— Winnipeg, Hutchinson 6-1-2 (29 shots-25 saves), Dallas, Thornton 10-7-5 (17-14), Rymsza (7-34 second, 15-13), A-15,987 (18,532), T-2:30

Maple Leafs 4, Flames 1

Calgary 0 0 1-1
Toronto 1 1 2-4
First Period—1, Toronto, Holland (7, Clarkson, Lupul), 10:46
Second Period—2, Toronto, van Riemsdyk (1, Kadri, Phaneuf), 2:51 (pp), 3, Toronto, van Riemsdyk (1, Kadri, Phaneuf), 10:46
Third Period—3, Calgary, Granlund (4, Giordano, Brodie), 3:48 (pp), 4, Toronto, Kessel (14, van Riemsdyk), 19:20 (en), 5, Toronto, Gostomski (4, Kadri, Phaneuf), 19:56 (en)
Shots on Goal— Calgary 13-16-33, Toronto 8-13-29
Power-play opportunities— Calgary 1 of 3, Toronto 2 of 1
Goals— Calgary, Hiller 9-7-1 (27 shots-25 saves), Toronto, Bernier 11-6-3 (33-32)
A-19,122 (18,819), T-2:26

Canadians 3, Canucks 1

Vancouver 0 1 0-1
Montreal 2 0 2-0
First Period—1, Montreal, Gallagher (8, Pacioretty, Gilmier), 5:56, 2, Vancouver, Dorsett (4, Hansen, Bieska), 11:56 (sh), 3, Montreal, Plekanec (9, Gosselin, Dorsett), 15:44, 4, Montreal, Pacioretty (13, Pashan), 19:59 (en)
Second Period—3, Montreal, Plekanec (9, Gosselin, Dorsett), 6:55-16
Shots on Goal— Vancouver 6-5-16
Power-play opportunities— Vancouver 0 of 2, Montreal 5 of 5
Goals— Vancouver, Miller 16-6-4 (24 shots-23 saves), Montreal, Price 15-8-1 (16-15)
A-12,286 (12,273), T-2:24

Sharks 5, Oilers 2

San Jose 2 0 2-0
Edmonton 2 0 0-2
First Period—1, San Jose, Pavelski (13, Thornton, Braun), 4:31, 2, San Jose, Goodrow (1, Karlsson, Sheppard), 5:29, 3, Edmonton, Eberle (9, Draaisni), 12:06, 4, Edmonton, Perron (5, Purcell), 16:15
Second Period—5, San Jose, Couture (12, Hamman, Wings), 6:14, 6, San Jose, Pavelski (14, Marleau, Thornton), 7:35 (pp)
Third Period—7, San Jose, Burns (8, Couture, Marleau), 14:21
Shots on Goal— Edmonton 8-11-17, San Jose 8-8-24
Power-play opportunities— Edmonton 0 of 2, San Jose 1 of 1
Goals— Edmonton, Scrivens 5-10-3 (24 shots-19 saves), San Jose, Stalock 3-1-2 (25)
A-17,007 (17,562), T-2:28

Scoring leaders

Through Dec. 9	GP	G	A	Pts
Tyler Seguin, Dal	29	14	18	36
Jackie Vossack, Pit	27	9	25	34
Steven Stamkos, TB	29	17	16	33
Evgeni Malkin, Pit	27	15	18	33
Wladimir Tarasenko, STL	27	17	10	30
Claude Giroux, Phi	27	8	22	30
Ryan Getzoff, Ana	28	8	21	29
Viktor Johansson, TB	29	8	21	29
Phil Kessel, Tor	27	7	22	29
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NHL/SPORTS BRIEFS

Havoc: Number of fights has dropped significantly

FROM BACK PAGE

The true signal the culture in the NHL has changed comes from Schultz's old stomping grounds. For the first time since the organization was in its infancy, the Flyers opened the season without a true enforcer on their roster. Heck, their biggest threat might be goalie Ray Emery, who headlined a fight last season against Washington's unwilling goalie, Braden Holtby.

"We've got some toughness on our team," Flyers general manager Ron Hextall said. "We've got some guys that can handle themselves. But I think when you look, there weren't a lot of fights in the preseason. There are never any fights in the playoffs. In between, there's been less and less."

The numbers back up the former NHL goalie.

There were 143 fights through the first 408 games of the season, which projects to 431 fights overall, according to hockeyfights.com. That's a dramatic dip from 734 fights in 2008-09 and 714 fights in 2009-10. The number of fights fell into the 500s in 2011-12 and the 400s last season (there were 347 fights in the lockout-shortened 2012-13 season).

The NHL has toughened in-competition penalties in place since the 1930s. It added a two-minute minor for the player who started the fight in the 1990s, looking to both cut down on brawling and perhaps attract more casual fans. Of late, the NHL is dishing out longer suspensions for cheap shots and illegal hits, erasing some of the players' unwritten code of justice.

"That tells you, he's just play hockey," Schultz said. "And when there's a problem, the league will take care of it."

That role used to be left to the enforcers, the de facto bodyguards for the stars. Back in the put-up-your-dukes heyday, even Wayne Gretzky had his own personal great one watching his back: Marty McSorley was the Hall of Famer's first line of thuggish defense, serving and protecting Gretzky in stints with Edmonton and Los Angeles.

Stu Grimson, the color analyst on Nashville Predators' TV broadcasts, was known

as "The Grim Reaper" with 2,113 career penalty minutes in his NHL career. He said fighting still has a role in the game, especially at home games where one entertaining scrum can shift momentum.

"I think the fight itself, there is a purpose for it, and you can put your finger on that purpose," he said. "I think it makes sense to keep that in the game, and I think it's valuable to the game for that reason."

Chicago Blackhawks forward Dan Carcillo said fights aren't going to completely vanish, either.

"I don't think the mindless, senseless, go out and fight, rah-rah, for no reason, I don't think that has a place in the game anymore," Carcillo said. "If guys take runs at other players, I think those players that take the run at them, whether they fight or not, they have to know in the back of their mind that there's still fighting in this game and they're going to have to answer the bell or respond to it if they're going to take dirty runs or cheap shots."

But in the back of everyone's minds is the risk of concussions and other long-term health risks that come with trading punches on the ice. The idea that brawling was as much fun as a nasty wreck in NASCAR or bench-clearing brawl in baseball came to a jarring halt in 2011, when three former enforcers were found dead.

Derek Boogaard, once named in a Sports Illustrated players poll as the NHL's toughest fighter, died from an accidental mix of alcohol and the painkiller oxycodone. Wade Belak hanged himself and Rick Ryphen was discovered at his home after suffering from depression for a decade.

The 65-year-old Schultz said he suffered nothing more than a couple of minor concussions and feels fine.

"We didn't hit anyone near as hard as they do today," Schultz said.

There are just now far fewer of those hits.

"It's still an exciting sport," Schultz said. "It's just evolving. It's the way it is."

AP Sports Writer Pat Graham in Denver and Teresa M. Walker in Nashville, Tennessee, contributed to this report.



GEORGE BRIDGES (TNS)

The Capitals' Donald Brashear throws a punch at the Devils' Sheldon Brookbank.

Top enforcers

Tiger Williams, 1974-1988: 3,966 penalty minutes, first all time. He made a living as an enforcer for five teams, though the 5-foot-11, 190-pound forward could poke in some goals, too. He led the league in penalty minutes in 1976-77 and 1977-78 and set a career high with 358 minutes with the Los Angeles Kings in 1986-87.

Marty McSorley, 1983-2000: 3,381 penalty minutes, fourth all time. The personal protector for Wayne Gretzky in Edmonton and Los Angeles, the 6-foot-1, 235-pound McSorley was a goon's goon. All fight, limited offense (or defense).

Tie Domi, 1989-2006: 3,515 penalty minutes, third all time. Domi had one of the prickliest personalities in the NHL, serving multiple suspensions. His notable ones served came after he sucker-punched Ulf Samuelsson and threw an elbow at the head of New Jersey Devils defenseman Scott Niedermayer. Domi passed Tiger Williams for most penalty minutes by a Toronto Maple Leaf in a season with 365.

Bob Probert, 1985-2002: 3,300 penalty minutes, fifth all time. Probert was as adept with his fists as with a stick in a 16-season career with the Detroit Red Wings and Chicago Blackhawks. One of the game's most feared players, Probert struggled to overcome drinking problems during his time in the NHL.

Donald Brashear, 1992-2010: 2,634 penalty minutes, 15th all time. He dropped the gloves 212 times in a 1,025-game NHL career, when he also had 85 goals and 120 assists. In the January 2010 issue of The Hockey News, Brashear was named enforcer of the decade. He was a former amateur boxer who also dabbled in mixed martial arts.

Dave Schultz, 1971-1980: 2,294 penalty minutes, 34th all time. He was the baddest bully on Philadelphia's famed "Broad Street Bullies" teams of the 1970s. Known as "The Hammer," Schultz set the NHL record for penalty minutes in a season with 472 in 1974-75. He had a ready-to-throw style of play that satisfied the bloodlust of fans who paid to see an old-fashioned brawl.

— The Associated Press

Sources: Astros add relievers

SAN DIEGO — People familiar with the negotiations said Wednesday the Houston Astros bolstered their bullpen by agreeing to an \$18.5 million, three-year contract with Luke Gregerson and a \$12.5 million, two-year deal with Pat Neshek.

The people spoke on condition of anonymity because the deals with the right-handers were subject to physicals.

Gregerson, 30, spent five years with San Diego, then went 5-5 with a 2.12 ERA in 72 appearances for Oakland last season. Neshek, 34, has pitched for Minnesota, San Diego, Oakland and St. Louis. He was 7-2 with a 1.87 ERA for the Cardinals this year, when he struck out 68 in 67 1/3 innings and was picked for his first All-Star game.

Pistorius appeal approved

JOHANNESBURG — South African prosecutors can appeal double-amputee Olympian Oscar Pistorius' acquittal on murder charges for killing girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp, a judge ruled Wednesday.

Judge Thokozile Masipa announced the ruling in a Pretoria court, saying she was satisfied that chief prosecutor Gerrie Nel had raised "questions of law" that should be reviewed by the Supreme Court of Appeal.

Nathi Mcebube, the prosecution spokesman, acknowledged that the process can take a long time.

In arguing for an appeal, the prosecution said the judge — who in October found the Paralympic champion guilty of culpable homicide and gave him a five-year prison term — incorrectly interpreted a legal principle. Under that principle, a person should be found guilty of murder if the foresaw the possibility of a person dying because of his actions, and went ahead with those actions anyway.

Coyle hired to coach Dynamo

HOUSTON — Former Burnley and Bolton manager Owen Coyle was hired Tuesday as head coach of Major League Soccer's Houston Dynamo.

The 48-year-old, who succeeds Dominic Kinneary, was hired by Burnley in England's second-tier League Championship in November 2007 and earned promotion to the Premier League in May 2009.

He left in January 2010 to manage Bolton, where he signed Dynamo midfielder Stuart Holden and New York Red Bulls defender Tim Ream. Coyle helped Bolton reach the FA Cup semifinals in 2011, but the team was relegated after the 2011-12 season and Coyle was fired that October.

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HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS-EUROPE

Holiday tournaments give needed court time

BY GREGORY BROOME

Stars and Stripes

Games are the basic building block of any competitive sports season. But in DODDS-Europe basketball, they are a valuable commodity.

For a variety of financial and logistical reasons, the average basketball team's regular-season schedule has fewer games than a typical stateside counterpart. Most DODDS-Europe teams are playing about 14 games this season, not including the European tournament. A review of United States high school schedules revealed regular seasons generally numbering between 20 and 25 games.

The reasons for the difference are obvious and unavoidable and beyond the monetary constraints that come with staging each game.

Many DODDS-Europe teams are far removed from their opponents, making midweek games prohibitively disruptive to the academic calendar. So games are relegated to the weekend. A standard agenda sees a visiting team on Friday evening immediately after a long bus ride, and play the same team or a nearby opponent early Saturday before heading back home. But that produces just two games a week.

Meanwhile, fall, winter and spring seasons overlap, shortening the window for each regular season.

An increasing number of teams are pushing against those limits.

Two major holiday basketball tournaments — one for boys teams and one for girls — are scheduled over the next few weeks, giving participating teams an opportunity to fill out schedules and log valuable live-action court time.

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The first is the annual Stuttgart Winter Holiday Basketball Tournament, set for Dec. 20-22 at Patch High School and the Patch Fitness Center. The 12-team boys tournament features eight DODDS-Europe entries in Bitburg, Black Forest Academy, Kaiserslautern, Lakenheath, Patch, Ramstein, Rota and Wiesbaden, along with Paris International School and local German squads Vaihingen-Knox, Rot-Weiss Stuttgart and VSG Ludwigsburg. Play begins at 10 a.m. each day, with the Monday championship game set for 3 p.m. at Patch Fitness Center. Daily tickets cost \$2 for students, \$3 for adults and \$5 for a family.

Two weeks later, on Jan. 2-3, Kaiserslautern High School will host a number of DODDS-Europe rivals in the New Year's Girls Basketball Tournament. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

Coaches say the extra games can be hugely beneficial.

"The tournament is extremely important for us," Patch coach and Stuttgart tournament organizer Brad Rehwaldt said. "It certainly helps us remain competitive."

Rehwaldt's Panthers learned that first-hand last season. Patch defeated Wiesbaden 66-48 in the tournament's title game last winter; a few weeks later, the Panthers beat the Warriors again, 60-56, in the final of the Division I tournament.

"We were much better prepared since we had already seen them once," Rehwaldt said.

Lakenheath also recorded a signature moment at a recent Stuttgart tournament, this one at the home team's expense. In the 2012 tournament title game, Lancers



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Patch and Wiesbaden players fight for a rebound in last season's D-I championship. The two met earlier in the season in a holiday tournament that proved valuable.

guard Chris Cedarstaff made a buzzer-beating three-pointer that gave his team a 41-40 victory over host Patch.

Longtime Lancers coach Alan Campbell said the tournament is "critical to our development," especially for his current inexperienced group.

"We are in a constant search to build momentum and confidence, especially this year," Campbell said. "The experience at this tournament will be key to our success later in the season."

But that experience doesn't come without some effort, not to mention expense. Rehwaldt said the annual cost of running the tournament is about \$6,000. Local grants, team fundraising, concession sales and gate receipts help offset that cost.

While participating teams don't pay a tournament entry fee, they do cover their own expenses for transportation and lodging. The tournament is not considered a part of the regular season.

Campbell brings a "select team" to the tournament, assisting the families of the participating players to help cover the costs. Black Forest Academy girls coach Cevin

Sweeney described a similar path for his Falcons, the defending Division II champions, making the trip to Kaiserslautern.

"There are some challenges from the financial side," Sweeney said. "We are fortunate to have some very supportive parents."

In the end, the money and effort goes toward the same end as the considerable financial outlay DODDS-Europe makes during the regular season and European tournament: putting young student-athletes on the court.

"Most of these kids' most memorable moments in high school come from these road trips, so any opportunity we have to play more games, I'm all for it," Wiesbaden boys coach David Brown said. "The extra games are invaluable."

Sweeney agreed, saying his Falcons are "super motivated" to participate.

"They want to improve and play more games," Sweeney said. "And something about this kind of trip helps build team unity."

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Top performances

Boys basketball

Jesse Gray, Ramstein: The senior forward is the key to the Royals' hopes of reentering the championship picture, and he lived up to that role on weekend. Gray went for 18 points and 16 rebounds Friday and 26 points and 12 rebounds Saturday as Ramstein swept Hohenfels.

Chris Moore, Sigonella: The sophomore was sensational in a pair of games against Naples. After pouring in a game-high 30 in a Friday loss, Moore made sure of a split by scoring nine of his 26 points at the end, including the game-winning three-pointer on Saturday.

Isaiah Negron, Wiesbaden: The breakout star of the largely new-look Warriors led all scorers in

wins over Bitburg, scoring 18 on Friday and 20 on Saturday.

Colin Whitten, Patch: Graduation left the defending champs in need of new stars. Whitten filled that void capably in a weekend sweep of Black Forest Academy, posting 14 points and 11 rebounds and 18 points and eight rebounds.

Girls basketball

Cierra Martin, Wiesbaden: The reigning Stars and Stripes girls basketball Athlete of the Year notched a tidy 10-point, 10-rebound double-double Friday and upgraded to 12 points, 15 rebounds, six steals and four blocked shots on Saturday as the Warriors swept Bitburg.

Adrianna Ruffin, Lakenheath: The Lancers swept rival Alconbury over the weekend behind Ruffin. The senior guard totaled 19 points, seven rebounds and seven steals on Friday and a 20-point, 13-rebound double-double on Saturday.

Emily Campbell, Black Forest Academy: The returning leader of the defending D-II champions got right back to business. The All-Europe forward produced a combined 20 points and 15 rebounds and anchored the Falcons' dominant defense in Friday and Saturday routs over Division I Patch.

Keylee Soto, Naples: The Wildcats' lead guard capably navigated her squad around upset bids from Division III Sigonella. Soto had a combined 27 points and nine assists on the weekend.

Wrestling

Joseph Rivera, Aviano: This first-time wrestler made an immediate impact as the DODDS-Europe mat season opened Saturday. Rivera took a first-place finish at 285 pounds, one of three Saints to win weight-class trophies in the four-team meet.

Marksmanship

Maggie Ehmann, Patch: The Panthers were coolly efficient in Saturday's season-opening six-school meet. Ehmann posted the outright top score from standing and kneeling position and tied for top honors from prone position in a winning 293-point performance.

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246	giebeman	Nellis AFB
246	King Tut	Ft. Riley, KS
244	faithther97	JEB little creek
242	SEC_SB	fort jackson
242	Nezter	Ansbach
242	BIG "D" in GRAF	Grafenwoehr
240	Stieeler07	Fort Riley
240	4800MC	belvoir
238	imgonnawin22	JBLM

Top 10 Overall Scores

2446	michaelgarza98	31098
2440	Camp Humphreys	Camp humphreys
2434	G-Mo's Raiders	kadena
2424	cowboy48	Wiesbaden Air Base
2418	scawter	Mac Dill AFB
2416	R.CROPPS GO BOY!!!	ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND
2416	ustillhateme	NAF Atsugi
2416	leathal23	Camp Foster
2416	Grateful Shamackies	Scott AFB
2406	OKC Yukon	Tinker AFB

HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS-PACIFIC

Athletes from other sports boost Perry

By DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

Can an All-Far East soccer player and two-time All-Far East cross-country runner and a freshman pressed into volleyball setting duty transfer those skills to the basketball court?

That's the roll of the dice that Matthew C. Perry girls coach April Kelley, in her third year at the helm, takes every year in her endless search for point guards to direct on-court traffic and set up plays.

Height and perimeter shooting have never been issues for Kelley in her term as coach; she has 6-foot-3 junior Ani Erhart and 5-11 sophomore Lebet Erhart as her center and forward, while junior Naomi Ziola, a three-year starter, spreads the floor with three-point accuracy.

Getting them the ball has been the issue. And Kelley thinks she may have found solutions in soccer-cross-country star Bobbi Hill, a sophomore, and freshman Angel Cadavos, along with Hill's sophomore soccer teammate Sakura Fleming.

So far, it's been working. After going 2-14 a season ago, the Samurai matched their entire win total of 2013-14 by going 2-2 in last weekend's Western Japan Athletic Association tournament.

"Athletes from any sport who have that sports IQ, you can put them in a situation and they can figure it out and that's what you want in an athlete," Kelley said.



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Perry basketball veterans Lebet Erhart, far left, and Naomi Ziola, far right, are happy to have Bobbi Hill, Angel Cadavos and Sakura Fleming, who are transferring their skills from other sports to basketball.

Finding them has been difficult, in a school with an enrollment of 145 — one of the smallest in DODDS Pacific — and 78 of them girls.

As a result, she's had to search relentlessly for players to fill those maroon and white uniforms. Her first two seasons, she did find bodies, but they tended to not be as engaged or enthusiastic about playing as she had hoped.

With Hill, Fleming and Cadavos, it's different.

"We're Perry," Kelley said. "We appreciate that we have players from other sports to help out. We

have to recruit athletes so we can be competitive."

Hill scored 21 soccer goals last year. "Her soccer skills can translate easily to basketball," from feet to hands, Kelley said.

Cadavos could have crumbled under the pressure of inheriting the setting job, but experience she gained under pressure while helping the Samurai finish third in the D-II volleyball tournament is carrying over.

"She's a Cadavos," Kelley said, invoking bloodlines — Cadavos' older brothers, Sam and Jon, have distinguished themselves in three

sports for the last four years.

But more than their skills, the fact that Hill, Fleming and Cadavos are engaged and wanting to be a part of the team is helping the team develop bonds and unity, Ziola said.

"Last year, we had to beg for players to come out," she said. "They weren't as connected to the game, so the chemistry was kind of off. This year, the chemistry developed at the (WJAA) tournament. We know where we're going to be. The passes are going to be there. That's improved a lot over the first (four) games."

"They definitely bring athleticism," she said. "They know where to be, they listen, they don't freak out, they play with the confidence of veterans. They know what they have to do and how to get it done. Definitely a huge boost from last season."

"Whenever she plays, she reads the plays and players and what they're going to do," Lebet Erhart said of Hill. "Sakura is a smart player. She knows what to do on the court, she knows how to get around players."

What got Hill interested in basketball?

"I wanted to try something different, a new challenge," Hill said, adding that she's adjusting well to her new role.

Cadavos confessed to being "pretty nervous" initially, first with adjusting to setting in volleyball and playing guard in basketball, but she feels more comfortable now.

Ziola also feels more at ease as a finisher, than a point guard

"If I'm given a job, I'll adapt to it, but I'm more at ease as the two," Ziola said.

Perry is not a team to be underestimated this season, Ziola said.

"Teams will look at our record last year and say they're going to wipe us out," she said. "Not this year. We all want to win. We have a good, well-rounded team and people who know how to play the game. Last year doesn't matter. This is a new year."

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Top performances

Wrestling

Alek Gomez, Kadena: Pinned Caleb Sablan in 2 minutes, 16 seconds, in the 215-pound bout to clinch the Panthers' 29-28 win over Kubasaki in the Okinawa season-opening meet.

Patrick Sledge, Edgren: Scored six wins, all by pin, at 180 pounds. Five victories came in the season-opening invitational tournament, and one was in an exhibition dual meet against Kinnick.

Jordan Goodman, Yokota: Won all five bouts at 141 pounds in the Edgren tournament by first-period pin.

Jacob Martin, Zama: Won four bouts by pin to help the Trojans finish fourth at Edgren.

Jack Barnes, Seoul American: The defending Far East champion took first place at 215 pounds in the season-opening DODDS Korea meet.

Boys basketball

Jadan Anderson, Yokota: Averaged 21.5 points to help Yokota open the season with two wins in two games.

Skylor Stevens, Kubasaki: Averaged 14.3 points in three games, all Dragons victories.

Seth Hudson, E.J. King: Scored all 18 of his

points on three-pointers against Canadian Academy in the two-day Western Japan Athletic Association Tournament.

Jon Cadavos, Perry: Averaged 15.5 points to help the Samurai equal King's effort: 4-0 in the same tournament.

Jez Parker, Seoul American: Averaged 14.3 points as the Falcons posted wins in their first three games.

Nicholas White, Osan: Averaged 32 points and hit eight three-pointers as the Cougars won their first two games.

Girls basketball

Sydne Cadde, Kinnick: Scored 23 points and shot 5-for-5 from the foul line in her final game in Red Devils uniform.

Sarah Claypool, Yokota: Averaged 16 points, 12.5 rebounds and six steals in two wins.

Naomi Ziola, Perry: Scored 11 points and recorded six steals and six blocked shots, helping the Samurai edge Senri Osaka International.

Glenisha Berryman, Seoul American: Averaged 14.6 points and 9.3 rebounds as the Falcons won two of three games.

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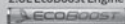
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Eagles QB Mark Sanchez looks to pass under pressure from the Seahawks defense on Sunday.

Seahawks again leaning on defense for success

By TIM BOOTH

The Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — The run of stout defense started with slowing down Arizona, followed by the handcuffing of San Francisco on Thanksgiving night.

But the best defensive performance of Pete Carroll's tenure came Sunday when Seattle ground Philadelphia's high-speed act to a halt that kept the Seahawks in the thick of the NFC West race.

Shutting down Philadelphia and holding the Eagles to 139 total yards was the cap to a three-week run of defense by Seattle the NFL has not seen since 2011.

It's returned Seattle to the top of the NFL in total yards allowed as the Seahawks statically almost equal with last season's Super Bowl winning unit.

The Seahawks are giving up 274.5 yards per game this season. They allowed 273.6 per game last season.

"The fact Bobby (Wagner) has returned has been significant and also I think Kam (Chancellor) really rounding into full health is helping us too. He's feeling great and playing like crazy," Carroll said on Monday. "I think the camaraderie of those guys being back in there and feeling right has been resounding, you can really feel it."

Seattle has allowed 507 total yards in the past three games. According to STATS, Inc., it's the fourth-fewest yards allowed in a three-game span by any NFL team since 2006. The Seahawks held Arizona to 204 total yards, the 49ers to 164 and the Eagles

'Even when people said we were playing bad, we were still ranked as the third-best defense.'

Michael Bennett
Seahawks defensive end

to 139.

What makes Seattle's accomplishment more impressive is the quality of competition faced compared to the three teams that posted better total numbers.

The New York Giants gave up 422 yards over three games in 2009, but it did against teams with a winning percentage of .111. The 2011 Houston Texans allowed 494 yards to opponents with a .421 winning percentage and the 2009 New York Jets gave up 497 yards against opponents with a .273.

Seattle's defense beat the Cardinals when they were 9-1, knocked off the 49ers at 7-4 and handled the 9-3 Eagles. The combined winning percentage of the three: .758.

The Seahawks have a chance this week hosting San Francisco to be the first team since the 2011 Texans to have three straight games holding opponents to under 200 total yards.

"We've tackled really well, really well for some time now. In the last couple years that has been a real sign of our performance and stuff, but it has been really consistent and noticeable," Carroll said. "I think that's all part of the intensity and the pursuit thing — it really pays off. You don't notice a guy miss one when

the other guys hits."

While the return of Wagner and Chancellor has been crucial, the Seahawks are also playing their top players more snaps. Seattle cut down on its defensive rotations beginning with the Arizona win.

Defensive end Michael Bennett played 98 percent of the defensive snaps against Arizona, 81 percent against San Francisco and 93 percent against the Eagles. Bruce Irvin played every snap against both Arizona and San Francisco before playing 30 of 46 against the Eagles.

Cliff Avril and second-year defensive tackle Jordan Hill have both seen their snap counts increase, while Super Bowl MVP Malcolm Smith hasn't seen the field on defense in the past three games.

Seattle has looked the rotations that work and are not about to tinker with the roll the Seahawks are on.

"Even when people said we were playing bad, we were still ranked as the third-best defense and we stopped some of the best offenses," Bennett said. "We are getting guys back and hitting our stride. We are playing good football and we are winning and that's all that matters."

Statistics

AFC individual statistics

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	%	Yds	TD	Int
R. Manning, DEN	496	332	39.0	36	11	
Roethlisberger, PIT	510	339	40.9	29	8	
P. Rivers, IND	304	194	29.0	11		
Bradley, NWE	496	321	35.6	30	13	
Luck, IND	544	337	43.6	36	13	
Fitzpatrick, HOU	306	194	24.5	17	8	
Flacco, BAL	439	281	32.8	22	12	
Tannehill, MIA	457	295	29.4	21	5	
Ale. Smith, KAN	389	254	26.7	16	6	
K. Orton, BUF	348	225	23.5	14	7	

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
L. Bell, PIT	242	1231	5.08	81	6
Forset, BAL	192	1080	5.62	52	8
A. Foster, HOU	140	729	5.21	51	8
J. Charles, KAN	172	898	5.22	63	9
L. Miller, MIA	162	782	4.83	33	3
Je. Hill, CIN	152	729	4.80	52	6
Ivory, NYJ	162	714	4.41	71	5
C. Anderson, DEN	119	594	4.99	26	4
D. Robinson, JAX	135	582	4.31	41	4
Chr. Johnson, NYJ	125	558	4.46	47	1

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
An. Brown, PIT	105	1375	13.1	54	10
Dem. Thomas, DEN	90	1266	14.1	86	10
E. Sanders, DEN	86	1208	14.0	48	7
Edelman, NWE	85	884	10.4	69	3
Hilton, IND	78	1295	16.6	37	7
K. Allen, SNO	74	769	10.3	35	4
Gronkowski, NWE	73	997	13.7	46	10
L. Bell, PIT	71	693	9.8	48	10
And. Johnson, HOU	69	737	10.7	26	2
D. Hopkins, HOU	68	1090	17.0	76	6

Punters

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Huber, CIN	63	2983	69	47.3	3
McAfee, IND	52	2461	61	47.3	3
Koch, BAL	47	1580	66	47.1	3
Felds, MIA	47	2202	69	46.9	3
Lechler, HOU	46	2507	71	46.9	3
Koch, BAL	42	1856	71	46.6	3
Kern, TEN	70	3237	69	46.2	3
Burson, DEN	45	2481	45.9	3	3
Allen, NWE	55	2516	72	45.7	3
Scifres, SNO	83	3770	62	45.4	3

Punt Returns

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Edelman, NWE	20	230	12.0	47	0
Ad. Jones, CIN	21	183	8.7	34	0
McKinn, BUF	20	171	8.6	28	0
De. Thomas, KAN	21	178	8.5	27	0
Carrie, OAK	22	172	7.8	21	0
J. Landry, MIA	26	192	7.4	36	0
An. Brown, PIT	26	192	7.4	36	0
Burson, DEN	20	173	8.7	22	0
Jac. Jones, BAL	25	181	7.2	31	0
Whalen, IND	25	187	7.2	22	0

Kickoff Returns

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Jac. Jones, BAL	19	519	31.1	108	0
Ad. Jones, CIN	10	596	31.4	91	0
J. Landry, MIA	14	476	29.6	74	0
K. Davis, KAN	23	676	29.4	99	1
Toddman, JAX	34	872	25.6	40	0
Harvin, NYJ	18	443	24.6	65	0
L. Washington, TEN	20	470	23.5	50	0
L. McQuinn, BAL	12	329	27.4	31	0
Br. Tate, CIN	17	373	21.9	31	0

Scoring Touchdowns

	Td	Rush	Rec	Pts
J. Charles, KAN	4	0	0	8
A. Foster, HOU	12	8	0	72
Th. Thomas, DEN	12	0	0	72
An. Brown, PIT	11	0	11	66
Dem. Thomas, DEN	10	0	10	60
Gronkowski, NWE	10	0	10	60
Felds, MIA	9	0	9	54
Forset, BAL	8	5	3	54
L. Bell, PIT	8	5	3	54
Bradshaw, IND	8	2	6	48

Kicking

	FG	AT	%	Yds	Pts
Gostkowski, NWE	44-44	27	100	523	132
Vinatieri, IND	44-44	27	100	515	132
B. Jacobs, DEN	21-21	33	100	293	63
Sturgis, MIA	32-32	26	100	511	100
D. Carpenter, BUF	25-26	28	89.3	589	109
Swann, TEN	21-21	33	100	293	63
Bulluck, HOU	25-25	28	100	589	109
Swann, TEN	21-21	33	100	293	63
Novak, SNO	33-33	20	100	512	93
Fo. Foley, NYJ	17-17	25	100	55	92

AFC team statistics

OFFENSE

	Yds	Rush	Pass
Indianapolis	442.0	110.5	331.8
Pittsburgh	427.0	123.8	303.2
Baltimore	426.5	121.5	277.0
New England	381.7	109.1	272.6
Cleveland	358.5	113.7	244.8
Houston	350.2	137.1	213.2
Baltimore	348.5	118.2	230.3
San Diego	336.2	84.7	251.5
Buffalo	321.6	159.5	217.7
N.Y. Jets	327.2	96.3	230.9
New York	318.1	189.2	188.4
San Francisco	310.8	128.8	189.0
Tennessee	305.2	86.2	219.0
Jacksonville	297.3	95.4	209.9
Oakland	298.8	73.5	210.3

DEFENSE

	Yds	Rush	Pass
Denver	311.0	72.8	238.2
Baltimore	292.1	92.8	212.9
Miami	326.8	123.5	203.2
San Diego	321.4	24.4	248.4
Kansas City	316.2	138.6	199.0
New England	304.9	105.6	244.4
Oakland	350.8	127.9	222.9
San Francisco	345.5	125.5	219.5
Pittsburgh	352.5	104.1	248.5
Philadelphia	345.5	125.5	219.5
Cleveland	360.5	129.5	231.1
Houston	373.0	109.0	264.0
Jacksonville	373.0	109.0	264.0
Cincinnati	377.0	130.0	247.0
Tennessee	386.5	141.5	245.0

NFC individual statistics

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	%	Yds	TD	Int
A. Rodgers, GBY	410	276	35.5	11	3	
Romo, DAL	350	242	29.2	25	8	
W. Laverne, NOIR	374	243	28.8	11	5	
C. Palmer, ARI	224	141	16.2	11	3	
M. Ryan, ATL	504	330	38.0	25	11	
R. Wilson, SEA	478	303	34.1	11	5	
Cutler, CHI	494	300	34.6	26	15	
M. Manning, NYG	452	293	34.1	11	5	
Sanchez, PHL	195	121	15.0	10	7	
M. Stafford, DET	491	304	36.4	18	10	

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
D. Murray, DAL	320	1606	5.01	51	9
L. McCoy, PHL	259	1068	4.12	53	4
M. Lynch, SEA	235	1042	4.42	33	5
A. Morris, WAS	218	899	4.12	30	7
Forte, CHI	214	854	3.99	32	6
Lacy, GBY	188	943	4.48	37	5
M. Ingram, NOR	182	810	4.45	31	6
Gore, SFO	193	705	4.02	28	3
R. Wilson, SEA	101	727	7.20	52	5
J. Bell, DET	182	664	3.65	57	6

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Ju. Jones, ATL	93	1408	15.1	73	1
Forte, CHI	86	724	8.4	56	3
C. Tate, DET	84	1186	14.1	73	1
J. Nelson, GBY	78	1265	16.2	80	12
Ma. Bennett, CHI	77	801	10.3	37	6
Macinn, PHL	74	899	15.0	68	10
D. Bryant, DAL	73	1034	14.2	68	10
Jeffery, CHI	74	1034	14.2	68	10
Boldin, SNO	72	897	12.5	37	7
G. Olsen, CAR	73	850	12.0	38	6

Punters

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Way, WAS	64	3073	77	48	3
A. Lee, SNO	59	2804	71	47.5	3
Sa. Martin, DET	47	2389	50.8	47	3
C. Jones, DAL	46	217	64	46.0	3
Morstead, NOR	46	217	61	46.0	3
Westward, NYG	43	2088	61	45.5	3
Goss, ATL	38	1716	58	45.2	3
Mathay, GBY	38	1716	58	45.2	3
Northman, CAR	38	2793	67	45.0	3

Kickoff Returns

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Sproles, PHL	34	450	13.2	58	0
T. Austin, STL	30	332	11.1	78	1
McKinn, BUF	21	183	8.7	34	0
Dw. Harris, DAL	24	235	9.8	38	0
Shrews, MIN	24	229	9.5	26	0
R. Ross, DET	24	229	9.5	26	0
Beckham Jr., NYG	17	152	8.9	38	0
S. Walters, SEA	18	181	10.1	24	0
B. Ellington, SNO	18	142	7.9	23	0
Roberts, WAS	25	192	7.7	37	0

Kickoff Returns

B. Cunningham, STL	24	684	28.5	7
B. Ellington, SNF	17	453	26.6	3
Dw. Harris, DAL	23	593	25.8	4
J. Ross, DET	18	458	25.4	3
C. Patterson, MIN	30	750	25.0	4
Ch. Williams, CHI	24	579	24.1	10
Hester, ATL	37	891	24.1	4
S. Patton, TAM	18	416	23.1	2
Roberts, WAS	23	521	22.7	4

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TODD SUMLIN, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER/AP

Firefighters tend to Panthers quarterback Cam Newton following a two-vehicle crash near the team's stadium in Charlotte, N.C., Tuesday. Newton fractured two vertebrae in the accident.

Briefly

QB Newton released, has fractures in back

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Cam Newton has been discharged from the hospital following a two-car crash that left the quarterback with two fractures in his lower back, team officials said.

Panthers spokesman Charlie Dayton said Wednesday that Newton was thankful for the care he received and is stiff and sore, but otherwise "his spirits were high." Newton left the hospital with his family and will stay with them while recuperating. He will not be at the team's facility Wednesday.

It remains unclear when Newton will return to action.

"That will be determined really on a day-to-day basis and we'll see how fast the soreness goes away," Dayton said. "He'll start the recuperation process today."

Newton's father Cecil and mother Jackie, who live in Atlanta, arrived in Charlotte Tuesday after the accident.

The Panthers began practicing Wednesday in preparation for Sunday's divisional game against Tampa Bay. Derek Anderson worked as the first-team quarterback.

A police report states that Newton was driving when a car pulled out in front of the fourth-year quarterback, causing his Dodge truck to flip. The report said the other driver didn't see Newton's truck at first and when he did, he tried to avoid a collision.

The report does not place blame on either driver.

Texans' Clowney has microfracture surgery

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans' Jadeveon Clowney, the top overall pick in this year's NFL Draft, has had microfracture surgery on his right knee.

The team said last week that Clowney would have season-ending knee surgery, but did not specify what that surgery would be. The surgery Tuesday was the second this season for the outside linebacker. He had arthroscopic surgery on the same knee after being injured in Week 1.

He played three games since the first procedure but continued to struggle with pain and swelling.

Union says it got no input on conduct policy

NEW YORK — The players' union says it has not had input into a revamped personal conduct policy the NFL is preparing.

NFL owners were meeting Wednesday in Irving, Texas, and were expected to see a framework for changes to the policy. The union has sought to have any alterations to the policy negotiated.

The current policy was part of the 2011 collective bargaining agreement between the NFL and the NFL Players Association. But in the wake of the Ray Rice and Adrian Peterson cases, portions of the policy are being reworked.

Manziel gets starting nod

Browns announce rookie QB will replace Hoyer against Cincinnati

By TOM WITHERS

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Johnny Football's days as a backup are over this season.

He's getting his chance to start. Rookie quarterback Johnny Manziel will make his first NFL start Sunday against Cincinnati, replacing the slumping Brian Hoyer as Cleveland tries to pump life into its sagging playoff hopes.

After moving up in May's draft to get him and waiting seven months as he learned and watched from the sideline, the Browns are finally setting one of college football's most captivating players loose with three games left in the season.

Browns coach Mike Pettine made the expected switch on Tuesday after meeting with his staff and general manager Ray Farmer, then informing both quarterbacks. Many Browns fans have wanted the change for weeks as they watched Hoyer fumble away his dream job.

Pettine said in a statement that the switch isn't about Hoyer or Manziel, but about the Browns.

"We are trying to get the offense to perform at a higher level," he said. "Johnny has worked very hard to earn this opportunity and it will be very important for every member of the offense to elevate their play for us to obtain our desired result."

Manziel's debut start will come in Cleveland's final home game, against a Bengals team Hoyer beat on Nov. 6. Manziel will try to show the Browns he can be the franchise quarterback they've coveted for two decades.

Manziel is the Browns' 21st starting quarterback since 1999.

"I've tried to spend my entire season learning what it takes to become a pro and it's been great to watch Brian because he knows what it takes," Manziel said. "I've prepared every week to be ready to help the team however possible and my focus has been on improving every day."

Even before Manziel was told he'll start, the possibility sparked some controversy with Bengals coach Marvin Lewis calling the 6-footer "a midget" during a radio interview Monday night. Lewis later apologized, but the jab stirred the Ohio rivalry.

The Browns really had no choice but to turn to Manziel. Hoyer has been awful in his last four games, throwing just one touchdown pass and eight interceptions. It hasn't been all Hoyer's fault as teammates have dropped passes and run pass routes incorrectly, but Cleveland needs a spark and Manziel changed games in college with his legs and right arm.

Pettine considered the switch a week ago but stuck with Hoyer, who has gone 10-6 as Cleveland's starter. Hoyer had two interceptions Sunday as the Indianapolis Colts rallied from a 14-point deficit in the third quarter to win. Hoyer and the Browns' offense picked up only three first downs in the second half.

Manziel's promotion could signal the end of Hoyer's time with the Browns. A Cleveland-area kid who grew up attending Browns games with his dad,



BILL WIPPERT/AP

The Browns have decided to start quarterback Johnny Manziel over slumping Brian Hoyer as Cleveland tries to pump life into its sizzling playoff hopes on Sunday against the Bengals.

Hoyer, who battled back from a season-ending knee injury in 2013, is in the final year of his contract. With Manziel around, it's likely Hoyer will have to sign elsewhere to remain an NFL starter.

"Although I am disappointed by Coach's decision, I respect him and his choice and will be there to support Johnny," Hoyer said. "As always, I will do whatever I can to help this team win."

The No. 22 overall pick in this year's draft, the popular and polarizing Manziel has been on the field just 18 plays this season. He came off the bench two weeks ago in the fourth quarter at Buffalo, completed 5 of 8 passes and scored on a 10-yard touchdown run.

Manziel won the Heisman Trophy at Texas A&M, where his ability to improvise made him a star and earned him his Johnny Football nickname.

The Browns are hoping he can perform some of that magic on Sundays.

Manziel couldn't beat out Hoyer during training camp and the 22-year-old's off-the-field behavior, which included weekend trips to Las Vegas, led to outside criticism of his maturity and commitment. The Browns held off on playing him until they felt he was ready, and now Pettine has put the team's season in Manziel's hands.

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Big deals put Chicago teams in spotlight

Cubs, Lester agree to \$155M, 6-year contract; White Sox get Samardzija in 6-player trade

By RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — North Side, South Side, Chicago has become the center of baseball at the winter meetings.

The Cubs struck the first big deal among top free-agent pitchers, agreeing Tuesday night to a \$155 million, six-year contract with left-hander Jon Lester.

"It's not often you get to win the lottery, and we won the baseball lottery this year," new Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "Now it's up to us to put it into effect."

After losing 188 games over two seasons, the White Sox acquired starting pitcher Jeff Samardzija — a former Cub — from the Oakland Athletics as part of a six-player trade Tuesday. That came hours after they reached a \$16 million, four-year deal with closer David Robertson.

"In our mind we're not finished yet," White Sox general manager Rick Hahn said. "We still know we have some other areas we need to improve and we're hopeful that in the coming days, and if not the coming days, then the coming weeks, we'll be able to fill a couple more voids in our

roster."

On the South Side, the White Sox won the title in 2005 for their first championship since 1917.

The long-suffering Cubs are seeking their first World Series title since 1908.

They gave Lester a deal with an option for 2021 that, if it becomes guaranteed, would make the contract worth \$170 million over seven seasons. The average annual value of \$25.8 million is the second-highest for a pitcher behind Clayton Kershaw's \$30.7 million as part of a \$215 million, seven-year deal with the Los Angeles Dodgers that began this year.

A three-time All-Star who turns 31 next month, Lester won two World Series titles with Boston. Now he's in position to throw the first pitch of the 2015 season, at Wrigley Field against St. Louis on April 5.

Earlier Tuesday, the Cubs acquired All-Star catcher Miguel Montero from Arizona for minor league right-handers Jefferson Mejia and Zack Godley — a deal that added \$40 million in payroll over the next three years. Chicago has a pending \$20 million, two-year deal with right-hander Jason Hammel, traded by the Cubs to Oakland

last summer.

Maddon had been used to small payrolls in Tampa Bay.

"I've not been on this side since my days with the Angels, when I got an email in Italy that we had signed Vladimir Guerrero," said Maddon, who was a coach in Anaheim before switching to Tampa Bay. "I think that definitely sends that message how Theo (Epstein) and the group feel about this particular group. But understand, we have a lot of young players that have to grow up as quickly as possible. But having Jon there adds to the flavor and the possibility."

Lester's deal should lead to more intensive negotiations involving teams interested in free-agent pitchers Max Scherzer and James Shields. Lester also had been sought by Boston, World Series champion San Francisco and the Dodgers.

In the day's other moves, the Pittsburgh Pirates agreed to a \$39 million, three-year deal to keep left-hander Francisco Liriano. And Atlanta agreed to a one-year deal with free-agent infielder Alberto Callaspo.

The deals for Robertson, Liriano and Callaspo were disclosed by people familiar with the negotiations who spoke on condi-

tion of anonymity because they had not been announced.

Samardzija played football for Notre Dame before pitching for the Cubs.

"Being a Chicago guy, that's one of the craziest things I've thought about," he said. "I'm sitting here thinking, 'Now, do I really have to go get my cleats on and go play for the Bears?' If I could skate, maybe the 'Hawks. My jumper's the garbage, so the Bulls are out of the question."

Trading an All-Star for the third time in less than two weeks, the Athletics sent Samardzija and right-hander Michael Ynoa for right-hander Chris Bassitt, catcher Josh Pegley and first baseman Rangel Ravelo and infielder Marcus Semien. Samardzija was 31-42 with a 3.97 ERA for the Chicago Cubs from 2008 until July 5, when he was traded to the A's. He went 5-6 with a 3.4 ERA for Oakland. He can become a free agent next autumn.

Earlier in the offseason, the White Sox agreed to a \$25 million, two-year contract with first baseman Adam LaRoche and a \$15 million, three-year deal with left-hander Zach Duke.

College basketball roundup

Rozier helps No. 4 Louisville overpower Indiana

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Terry Rozier scored a career-high 26 points and grabbed six rebounds as No. 4 Louisville beat Indiana 94-74 on Tuesday night in the Jimmy V Classic at Madison Square Garden.

The Cardinals (8-0) also got outstanding performances from Montrezl Harrell, who had a double-double with 21 points and 11 rebounds and Chris Jones, who scored a career-high 24 points, and had nine rebounds and six assists.

James Blackmon Jr. led Indiana (7-2) with 18 points and Yogi Ferrell finished with 13 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

Louisville overpowered Indiana down low, outrebounding Indiana 52-34. The Cardinals' defense also put the clamps on the

Hoosiers, forcing them to commit 17 turnovers. But Indiana wouldn't go away quietly.

Indiana opened the second half with an 11-2 run to take a 52-48 lead, matching their largest lead in the game.

Louisville's Jones then scored seven points in a 10-0 run to give the Cardinals a 58-52 lead, which they never relinquished.

No. 3 Arizona 87, Utah Valley 56: Freshman Stanley Johnson's 14 points led a balanced attack for host Arizona. Rondae Hollis-Jefferson scored 12 points and Dusan Ristic scored 13 points and Gabe York added 11.

No. 7 Villanova 73, Illinois 59: Dylan Ennis scored 18 points to lead Villanova past Illinois.

Darrun Hilliard and Daniel Ochefu both scored 12 points.

No. 11 Wichita State 77, Seton Hall 68: Ron Baker scored 22 points, Fred VanVleet added 18 points and eight assists and host Wichita State handed Seton Hall its first loss of the season.

No. 14 Iowa State 73, Missouri-Kansas City 56: Bryce Dejean-Jones scored 22 points and host Iowa State earned its third straight win.

No. 25 Notre Dame 93, Mount St. Mary's 67: Steve Vasturia scored a career-high 19 points and Zach Augustine had 19 points and eight rebounds to lead host Notre Dame.

Navy 84, VMI 66: Tillman Dunbar scored 26 points, Kevin Alter scored 14, and host Navy easily beat VMI.

Dunbar shot 8-for-10 from the field and hit 10 of 15 free throws. Zach Pong scored 14 and the Mid-



KATHY WILLEMS/AP

Indiana guard Nick Zeisloff, left, tries to strip the ball from Louisville forward Montrezl Harrell on Tuesday in New York.

shipmen (3-8) outrebounded the Keydets 44-29.

Bryant 80, Army 73: Dyami Starks finished with 23 points, Hunter Ware chipped in 17 and visiting Bryant ended a four-

game skid.

Kyle Wilson had 19 points for the Black Knights (6-2), who shot just over 50 percent but went 4-for-17 from deep. Kevin Ferguson added 15 points with 11 rebounds.

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Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	16	6	.727	
Brooklyn	11	11	.421	6½
Boston	12	10	.548	8
New York	4	19	.174	12½
Philadelphia	8	18	.303	13

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	14	6	.700	—
Washington	14	6	.700	8
Miami	10	11	.476	4½
Orlando	9	14	.393	6½
Charlotte	5	25	.167	9

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	17	5	.773	—
Chicago	12	8	.600	1
Indiana	11	9	.548	2
Minnesota	14	7	.667	3
Detroit	3	19	.136	11

Western Conference

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	17	4	.810	—
Denver	9	12	.429	7½
Oklahoma City	13	8	.611	1
Utah	16	7	.690	2
Minnesota	4	16	.200	12½

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	15	7	.682	—
L.A. Clippers	15	5	.750	3
Phoenix	12	8	.600	7½
Sacramento	11	11	.500	8
L.A. Lakers	6	16	.273	13

Monday's games				
Washington 133, Boston 132/207				
Miami 108, Indiana 92				
Toronto 112, Denver 107				
Cleveland 110, Brooklyn 102				
Golden State 102, Minnesota 86				
Sacramento 101, Utah 92				
Cleveland 101, Phoenix 120, OT				
Tuesday's games				
Cleveland 105, Toronto 101				
Cleveland 98, Detroit 86				
Orlando 104, New York 93				
Oklahoma City 114, Milwaukee 101				
Miami 113, Dallas 105				
Phoenix 105, Philadelphia 95				
New York, San Antonio 96				

Wednesday's games				
Washington at Orlando				
L.A. Clippers at Indiana				
Boston at Charlotte				
Philadelphia at Brooklyn				
Golden State at Dallas				
Portland at Minnesota				
New York at San Antonio				
Utah at Golden State				
Miami at Denver				

Thursday's games				
Cleveland at Oklahoma City				
Houston at Sacramento				

Friday's games				
Cleveland at Oklahoma City				
Houston at Sacramento				

Saturday's games				
Cleveland at Oklahoma City				
Houston at Sacramento				

Sunday's games				
Cleveland at Oklahoma City				
Houston at Sacramento				

Monday's games				
Cleveland at Oklahoma City				
Houston at Sacramento				

Tuesday's games				
Cleveland at Oklahoma City				
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The Jazz's Derrick Favors dunks as the Spurs' Boris Diaw looks on Tuesday in Salt Lake City. The Jazz won 100-96.

Jazz 100, Spurs 96

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Roundup

Jazz edge Spurs, snap 9-game skid

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Overhauling their philosophy on offense and defense has brought more pain than reward to Utah for much of the season.

That's one reason Utah's 100-96 victory over San Antonio on Tuesday night left a feeling of satisfaction in the Jazz locker room. Finally, the Jazz saw what could happen when they put together four complete quarters against a quality opponent.

"We didn't get down by 20 points tonight, which has kind of been our calling card," Utah forward Gordon Hayward said. "Being able to stay in the game with a team like this was huge for us."

Derrick Favors had 21 points and eight rebounds, while Hayward added 20 points and seven boards to help the Jazz snap a nine-game losing streak. Enes Kanter added 12 points and 15 rebounds for his fourth double-double of the season, while Alec Burks chipped in 14 points for Utah, which lost all four games against the Spurs last season.

Tim Duncan had 23 points and 13 rebounds for San Antonio, who lost to the Jazz for the first time in two years. Kawhi Leonard added 16 points and Danny Green chipped in 13 for the Spurs. San Antonio played without starting point guard Tony Parker and then lost coach Gregg Popovich to a

SPORTS



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NHL

Endangered species

Enforcers and the havoc they wreak are vanishing

By **DAN GELSTON**
The Associated Press

D PHILADELPHIA
ave Schultz would drop his gloves in a flash, his bare fists pummeling away at unprotected faces in fits of fury so ferocious he became known as "The Hammer."

Schultz was the intimidating backbone of Philadelphia's "Broad Street Bullies" teams of the 1970s that won a pair of Stanley Cup championships. The Flyers' rugged style of play became their calling card, and rare was the NHL team that didn't have a tough guy or two whose pri-

mary role was to protect his teammates by brute force.

Fast forward 40 years since the Flyers' last championship and players like Schultz are having a harder time sticking in the NHL. The role of the enforcer is seemingly going down without a fight as speed and skill on every line have become the norm.

In a league that is also facing head injury concerns — and lawsuits — is it finally time to say goodbye to the goon? "They just wanted to take fighting out of the game," Schultz said. "It's not the same game."

But not necessarily a worse one.

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Minnesota's Clayton Stoner, right, and Calgary's Corey Sarich exchange punches on April 21, 2013, in St. Paul, Minn.

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